

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Also, please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship

Prelude "A Suite of Passion (II): Ah, Dearest Jesus"
Wilbur Held

Remembering the Rejection of Jesus, the Light of the World
Georgalee George, Roger Anderson

§ Call to Worship

One: There is something more,

All: Or something missing,

One: That sends us searching in the dark,

All: Looking for answers,

One: Risking a question.

All: We are drawn here

One: Because God touched us,

All: Gave us hope,

One: Whispered our name.

All: Here in this place,

One: We journey toward grace

All: And know the "something more"

One: Is revealed in the love of Jesus' face.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #398

"Jesus Calls Us"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading - p. 197

Philippians 2:1-11

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

"Easter Emoji - Crying 🥹"

James L. Crow

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

"This Little Light of Mine"

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 88

Luke 23:26-43

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"What Will You Leave at the Cross?"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ **Doxology UMH #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #165**

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

§ Benediction

Lord, you clothe the lilies, you feed the birds of the sky, you lead the lambs to pasture, and the deer you lead to flowing waters. Lord, you multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine. You brought sight to the blind and healing to the crippled. Now send us forth strengthened and refreshed. May we go forth, living fully in God's promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

Postlude

"Give Me Jesus" ~ *Arr. Richard Billingham*

Facetime by the Big Bell

This week's Prelude selection from Wilbur Held's A Suite of Passion is, "Ah, Holy Jesus." Based on the passion-tide poem, Herzliebster Jesu (written by John Heerman, a 17th century German poet) centers us on the true meaning of Lent and the Passion. We are often tempted to ask the questions, "Why am I suffering?", "Why can't I get ahead?", or "Why is the world leaving me behind?" But, in writing the poem that eventually became this well-known hymn, instead of asking, "Why me?", Heermann asks, "Why thee?" He asks why Jesus had to suffer. Who was responsible for Jesus' death? His answer was that he, Johann Heermann, was responsible. It was his treason that nailed Jesus to the cross. While He chose the cross, we chose to embrace our inner darkness. Allow yourself to contemplate the sacred life of Jesus and our path to the cross.



Chancel Flowers are given...

...in Thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior

by Leta Gerber.

Pick up your copy of the 2018 Court St. UMC Directory Addendum in the Narthex. Please take only one per household. Thank you!

A Stewardship Message: "Ebenezer Scrooge leaped for joy on the streets of London because he'd discovered the life-giving antidote to the materialism that had poisoned his soul. Scrooge learned the Treasure Principle-the secret of joyful giving."

Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We are all one family. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

TODAY is our last Sunday to collect donations for Rockford Rescue Mission (Food) and The Carpenter's Place (Non-Food). Thank you to all who participated! **Would you like to help pack up our contributions to Rockford Rescue Mission and Carpenter's Place?** If you are willing, meet in the Sanctuary tomorrow, Monday, March 19th, at 10:30 a.m. when we will tally and box up everything for delivery. Thank you in advance!

Answer God's call by getting closer to Him through Bible study. Our Lenten Study is Max Lucado's 'He Chose the Nails'. It's not too late to join us in study: Sundays in the Parlor at 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays in the Dining Room at 12:30 p.m., or Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at 1812 Meadows Circle. All are welcome!

Come to a 30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, March 21, in the Chapel and hear Pastor Cal on "Revolution" as part of 'Ways of Re-Living for Lent.' Afterwards, partake of **the last Lenten lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.** There will be one more mid-week services on Wednesday, March 28, at noon in the Chapel. All are invited.

God chose you. Do you choose Him? Plan now to attend these wonderful services during Holy Week to enhance your spirituality:

Palm Sunday, March 25, 10am - Vivaldi's 'Gloria'

Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble

Thursday, March 29, 6pm - 'The Living Last Supper'

Dramatization with Hymns interspersed

Friday, March 30, Noon - Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 1

6am - Sunrise Service - Chapel

7am - Breakfast - Dining Room - *free-will donation*

10am - Resurrection Service - Sanctuary

Chancel Choir, Children's Choir

Instrumental Ensemble, JuBellation Choir

Jeremiah Development, along with many community partners, is hosting **the second LOVE ROCKFORD event, on April 28, 2018, from 10AM – 2PM.** Congregations, businesses, community agencies and volunteers will be working together to reach out to the underserved. During our LOVE ROCKFORD day, residents will have the opportunity to be linked with a variety of counseling and housing services, and get blood pressure checks, hearing and vision tests, while the young may opt for face painting or other children's activities. Hungry stomachs will be met with a free lunch, and a box of food will be available to take home. **If you are interested in volunteering or donating to LOVE ROCKFORD, please contact Melissa at loverockfordil@gmail.com.** Your contribution and time will be responsibly utilized to lift the hearts and lives of our fellow residents.

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.

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WELCOME!

March 18, 2018

We're glad you're worshiping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.

- I'm a visitor.
- Please note my address change.

Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

How did you hear about Court Street? _____

Children:

Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Mabelann Fisher **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Dan Boon
Facetime Hostesses: Beverly Maus, Judy Mehren
Liturgist: Randiann King

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 03/18 5th Sunday in Lent
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities
 11:30 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Parlor
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center
 4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.

Mon 03/19
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:30 Pack up Donations on the Chancel
 11:00 Stewardship Team in the Library
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 4:00 Finance Team in the Library
 5:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

Tue 03/20
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 Quilters in Room 206
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
 9:00 "Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 10:30 Winn Cty Substance Coalition in the Dining Room
 5:30 pm YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room
 6:45 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 03/21
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 1812 Meadows Circle
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St.
 12:00 pm 30-minute Lenten Service in the Chapel
 12:30 Lenten Lunch in the Dining Room
 12:30 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Dining Room
 5:30 No IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thu 03/22
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor
 1:00 'He Chose the Nails' Study-1812 Meadows Circle
 1:00 Chimes stuffing in the Library
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

Fri 03/23
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 IMAGE Class in the Library
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 03/24
 9:00 am Rockford Rhythm on 3rd floor
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor
 1:00 pm Chancel Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Sun 03/25 Palm Sunday
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God

What Will We Leave



at the Cross?

& Growing in Love



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church

We are a people called United Methodists.
 Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 18, 2018*