

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.*

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

Prelude "Dunlap's Creek" ~ James Biery

### § Call to Worship ~ St. Patrick

*Leader:* Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

***People:* Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,**

*Leader:* Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

***People:* Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,**

*Leader:* Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

***People:* Christ in every eye that sees me,**

*Leader:* Christ in every ear that hears me.

***All:* Christ be in me and of me,  
That I may be in and of Thee. Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #349, sing 2 times "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #741 Psalm 4

Reading - New Testament p. 120 Acts 3:1-20  
*Leader:* The Word of God for the People of God.  
***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response UMH #473 "Lead Me, Lord"

Mission Presentation *Lori Poppen, Children's Home & Aid Society*

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Dr. Richard Wang*  
Pastoral Prayer  
**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"  
*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message "Open Mind - Open Heart" *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Reading - New Testament p. 240 I John 3:1-7  
*Leader:* This is the Good News concerning Jesus Christ.  
***People:* Thanks be to God.**

§ Sermon Hymn UMH #623, vs 1  
"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

§ Gospel Reading New Testament p. 91 Luke 24:36b-48  
*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
***People:* All glory to you, O Lord.**

"Healing, Strong, Peace; Amazing, Working, Love"  
*Rev. Dr. Richard Wang*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ~ arr. Courtney  
*Chancel Choir*

§ Doxology UMH #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2196 "We Walk by Faith"

§ Benediction  
Choral "Amen"

Postlude "Adagio" ~ Felix Mendelssohn

### UMW's Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room

We thank Rev. Dr. Richard Wang  
for bringing God's message to us today  
while Pastor Cal is on vacation.

 Altar Flowers are given...  
...in loving memory of Sandy Hoke by Bob Henbest.

**Culver's Share Day (instead of Scoopie Night) - new day and time. Sunday, April 29th, from 12 (noon) - 3 PM. Come to Culver's on N. Main** and have some delicious food and treats as well as a delightful social time with your friends. All funds raised will be split between our United Methodist Men and our Youth Programs. To earn even more funds for our church, purchase Culver's cards from our Scrip program.

**On April 22nd, 1:30 p.m., we will be doing spring cleaning of the community garden at SecondFirst and getting the plots ready to plant!** Come play in the dirt with us! Come for a few minutes or for the whole afternoon. Our wish list includes: A composter, plants (vegetable, perennials, and pollinators), seeds of the same, soil, stakes, signs and/or funds to help us purchase these items. Checks can be made out to Jeremiah Development with Garden fund written on the memo line.



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 we will take a special offering for Native American Ministries.** Our annual conference keeps 50% of the receipts to develop and strengthen Native American Ministries within the conference. The rest provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. Please make your check out to CSUMC with 'Native American' in the memo.

**GODSPELL is coming to Court Street UMC!** Starring Todd Bonzi, directed by James L. Crow, performances will be in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door.

**Scrip shopping isn't one size fits all** - we understand that sometimes you need to make big purchases, or just give a small "thank you." We are here to help you meet those needs. And of course Scrip cards can be used as gifts themselves or for you to purchase items for upcoming events such as confirmations, graduations, and birthdays. Lowes, Menards, Home Depot, Target and Walmart cards are always available for your spring gardening needs. Hope to see you soon at the Scrip table before or after church!

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.

**Love Rockford is now collecting clothing for the April 28th event.** It is time to clean out your closets and dresser drawers, and donate the gently-worn clothing to benefit others. We are accepting men's, women's, and children's clothing at Court Street Church. Please drop your donated clothing at the church office, Monday - Friday, from 9AM - 4PM. On Sunday mornings, you may leave your donations by the parlor doors, underneath the coat rack.

**A Stewardship Message:** "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." *Romans 12: 10-13*

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

*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.*

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

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**WELCOME!**

April 15, 2018

*We're glad you're worshipping 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

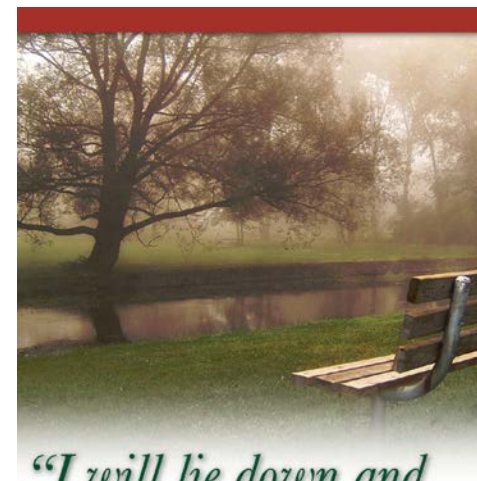
**Greeter:** Teresa Field **Acolyte:** Ella Anderson  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Liturgist:** Randiann King

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

**Sun 04/15 Third Sunday of Easter - Chimes DEADLINE**  
**Garden Bazaar Pre-Order DEADLINE**  
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 UMW Spring Fling Dinner in Dining Room  
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center  
 6:00 pm 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
**Mon 04/16** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 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 04/17** 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 Winn Cty Substance Abuse Coalition - Dining Room  
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 12:00 pm CPR/AED Class in the Youth Center  
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room  
 6:00 Recovery from Life 2 in the Youth Center  
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202  
**Wed 04/18** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 1339 Sandypoint Dr.  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Sisters Thai Cafe, 514 E. State St.  
 5:30 pm N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center  
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room  
**Thu 04/19** 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
 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  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
**Fri 04/20** 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  
 7:30 'Godspell' Performance in the Sanctuary  
**Sat 04/21** 10:00 am YAVO on 3rd floor  
 7:30 pm 'Godspell' Performance in the Sanctuary  
**Sun 04/22 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 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  
 2:00 pm 'Godspell' Performance in the Sanctuary

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

*Have with God*



*"I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety."*

Psalm 4:8, NIV

*& 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.

*Third Sunday of Easter  
 April 15, 2018*