

**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

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

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

Prelude "Now (Now the Silence)" ~ Charles W. Ore

§ **Call to Worship**

One: Something deep inside us calls us,

All: Beckons us.

One: We are looking for truth

All: That anchors us in the midst of competing voices.

One: We are searching for life

All: That sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

One: We are finding our way

All: To Christ, to community, to love.

One: And we are bold to sing

All: A resurrection song.

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #545 "The Church's One Foundation"**

Reading from the Psalter UMH #754, response 1 Psalm 23

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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 Hearts" *James L. Crow*

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

Epistle Reading from the New Testament p. 240 1 John 3:16-24

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Healer of Our Every Ill" ~Marty Haugen

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GODSPELL

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth - please see the screens "Day by Day"**

§ **Benediction**

Light of the risen Christ, shine in one and all.

Love of the creating God, abide in one and all.

Joy of the healing Spirit, dance in one and all. **Amen.**

Postlude "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

John H. Hopkins III, arr. Lani Smith

Facetime by the Big Bell

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.

TO ALL NEW and SEASONED VOLUNTEERS of OUR GARDEN BAZAAR!!! It's that time of the year! **Help is needed as follows: May 17-Thursday...**in the morning to sort and organize pre-orders. A definite time can't be given as to when the truck will arrive but it usually is around 9:30-10:00. **May 18-Friday...**We need people to set up at 7:30, sell from 9-3, and takedown at 3. **May 19-Saturday...**We need people to set up at 8:00, sell from 9-1 and take down/clean up at 1. Please contact Karen (815-742-4716) or Perky (815-519-7520) if you can help. You can work any portion or length that works for you. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our "faithfuls".

Performing Arts Camp ~ July 23 - August 3, 2018 ~ All youth from 1st through 8th grade are invited to participate in our Performing Arts Camp, for two weeks, from Monday through Friday each week, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Only \$75.00 per person, this camp will combine dance, theater, drawing, and more in a Christian setting. 'Once on This Island' will be performed on Sunday, August 5, at 10:00 a.m. Scholarships are available as needed. Please contact the church office: (815) 962-6061 or go to www.courtstreetumc.org for a registration form.

Reserve the dates for CSUMC Summer Organ Concerts:

July 15, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., **Gregory Gyllsdorff**, Organist and Choir Master at Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora.

August 19, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., **James Russell Brown**, Organist and Director of Music at St. Giles Episcopal Church, Northbrook. *Free-will offerings to benefit CSUMC Sanctuary Organ Project*



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 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.

GODSPELL, starring Todd Bonzi, directed by James L. Crow, and musical direction by Jack Armstrong, will be in our Sanctuary THIS AFTERNOON at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

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: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4: 1-7*

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.

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WELCOME!

April 22, 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 _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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| Greeter: Bess Koehn | Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore |
| Ushers: The Sue Cram Team | Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell |
| Video Tech: Steve Ripley | Van Driver: Dan Boon |
| Facetime Hostess: Beverly Maus | Liturgist: Randiann King |

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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 **Children's Choir & Puppet Rehearsals**
 2:00 pm **'Godspell' Performance in the Sanctuary**

Mon 04/23
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center

Tue 04/24
 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**
 5:00 pm 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 04/25
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 pm **Praise Team in the Dining Room**
 6:15 **Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**

Thu 04/26
 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 **Chimes stuffing in the Library**
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:00 Family Feud Game Night - URLOved
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor

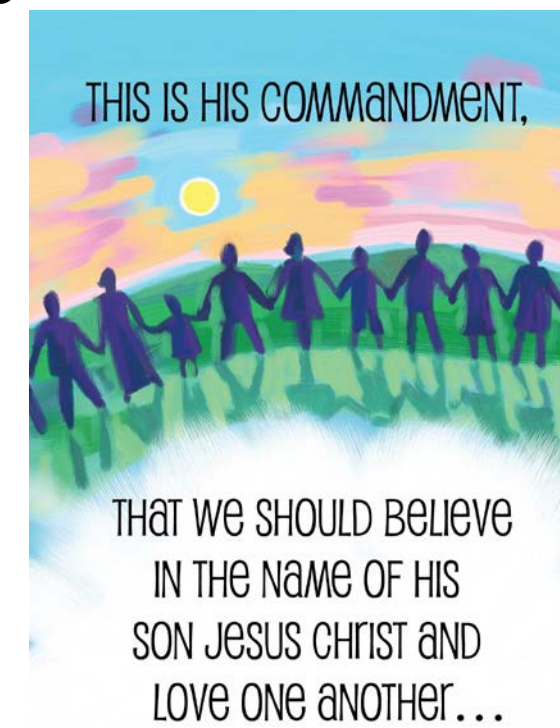
Fri 04/27
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 IMAGE Class in the Library
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 04/28 LOVE ROCKFORD DAY - Lower Level, 1st Floor
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor

Sun 04/29 Fifth 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**
 12:00 pm **'Share Day' @ N. Main Culver's**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God



I JOHN 3:23, NRSV

& 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.

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
 April 22, 2018*