

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 "Bless Us Now, Dear Lord, We Pray" ~ Moore

### § Call to Worship

*One:* If there is a ringing bell,

**All: We listen.**

*One:* If there is a candle in the dark,

**All: We look.**

*One:* If there is a hunger in the heart,

**All: We search.**

*One:* God is always trying to get our attention,

**All: Always seeking to draw close to us.**

*One:* Listen -

**All: Hidden in word and silence is the voice of God.**

*One:* Look -

**All: In every flower, child, tree is the face of God.**

*One:* Here and now,

**All: God is present.**

*One:* In our songs and prayers,

**All: Christ is alive!**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading UMH #818, response 1

Psalm 98

Hymn UMH #657

"This Is the Day"

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message

"As I Loved You"

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Epistle Reading - New Testament p. 241

1 John 5:1-12

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

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"The Facts of Faith!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

~ arr. John Coates, Jr.

Chancel Choir

### § Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.*

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.*

*The communion bread served is gluten-free*

*so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Music

"One Bread, One Body"

~ Setting by R. Schmolze

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2114

"At the Font We Start Our Journey"

### § Benediction

Wherever God takes you -- go;

Whichever the task -- do it;

Wherever the challenge -- accept it;

Whenever the call -- answer it;

Whichever the lesson -- learn it;

However dark the path -- follow it;

Because wherever God takes you,

It is worth it. **Amen.**

*~ Adapted from Bob Benson, "See you at the house":*

*The Very Best of the Stories He Used to Tell*

*(Nashville: Generoux, 1986), 204.*

Choral "Amen"

Postlude

Azmon (Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

*David M. Cherwien*

### Facetime by the Big Bell

**Next Sunday, May 13th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" 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!

**Scrip shopping isn't one size fits all** - we understand that sometimes you need to make big purchases, or just give a "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 Mother's Day, 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!

**A Stewardship Message:** "God owns everything. I'm His money manager... I needed to adopt a steward's mentality toward the assets He had entrusted - not given - to me. A Steward manages assets for the owner's benefit. The Steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It's his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will." Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

**We need all our wonderful bakers to help us again!** We will be having our annual Bake Sale along with our Garden Bazaar on May 18 and 19, 2018. Please pick up boxes after church on Sunday, May 6 or May 13, in the Sanctuary Narthex from Betty Seiter or Diane Lutmer. Thank you so much for your help!

**TO ALL NEW and SEASONED VOLUNTEERS of OUR GARDEN BAZAAR!!!** It's that time of the year! **Help is needed as follows: May 17-Thursdays...** 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](http://www.courtstreetumc.org) for a registration form.

**Puppet Project ~ August 6 - 10, 2018** ~ Our Puppet Project is open to youth from 1st through 8th grade, held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Only \$30.00 per person, this camp is designed to teach you how to use a puppet and more. Performance will be on Sunday, August 12, 10:00 a.m. Scholarships are available as needed. Please contact the church office: (815) 962-6061 or go to [www.courtstreetumc.org](http://www.courtstreetumc.org) for a registration form.

*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!**

May 6, 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**

**Greeters:** Barb & Gene Ferry      **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team      **Liturgist:** Bill Barnhart  
**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk      **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel      **Facetime Hosts:** Please help!

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

**Sun 05/06 Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room  
 9:00 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 Rehearsal  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center  
 4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club @ 1012 Mayfair Ct.

**Mon 05/07**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center

**Tue 05/08**  
 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  
 5:30 pm Trustees Team in the Library  
 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 05/09**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm Diabetic Self-Management in Room 209  
 4:00 Worship Service Planning in Room 209  
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room

**Thu 05/10**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm The Journeymen at the Grand Victorian  
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 Chatterbox @ Mexico Classico, 6876 Spring Crk

**Fri 05/11**  
 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 05/12**  
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor  
 8:30 UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles  
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 11:00 Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Sun 05/13 Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**  
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell

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

*Have with God*



*& 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.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 May 6, 2018*