

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 "Our Christ Ascends" ~ Todd Kendall

§ Call to Worship

LEADER: We praise God who gave us life.

PEOPLE: In our rejoicing, there is God.

LEADER: In our grief, there is God.

PEOPLE: In anguish and deliverance alike, we praise God.

LEADER: In darkness and light we affirm our faith.

PEOPLE: Therefore we bow our heads in reverence,
before the Eternal God of life, the Holy One,
blessed be God. Amen.

~ Adapted from The Gates of Prayer

(New York: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1975),620.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading UMH #738, response 1

Psalm 1

Children's Choir Anthem

"Jubilate Deo"

~ Dale Wood

Hymn UMH #657

"This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

"Wow Mom"

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Epistle Reading - New Testament p. 118

Acts 1:15-26

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Prayer: Proper Protocol for God's Purpose!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Joyful, Joyful"

~ Warren/Emerson

Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #154

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

verse 1: All

verse 4: All

verse 2: All

verse 5: Men

verse 3: Women

verse 6: All

§ Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21 (TEV)

To him who, by means of his power working in us, is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of: To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! **Amen.**

Choral "Amen"

Postlude "Darwall's 148th" (Rejoice, the Lord is King) ~ Manson

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar Flowers are given...

... in loving memory of my parents & siblings

by Bob Henbest.

TODAY we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Please see the insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

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

Will you help us help others? We are collecting cleaning wipes (handi-wipes - NO terry cleaning towels), dust masks, and pairs of kitchen dishwashing gloves (good for multiple uses) **in the Narthex until June 3rd.** These items will be combined with other items to create Cleaning Kits/Flood Buckets. **We pray for your support of the 2018 Mission Challenge for the UMC Northern IL Conference.**



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 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: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

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 TODAY in the Sanctuary Narthex from Betty Seiter or Diane Lutmer. Thank you 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-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.

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 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.

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WELCOME!

May 13, 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

Greeter: Dorothy Powell **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Liturgist:** Karen Brown
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Bob Lutmer **Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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

Mon 05/14
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 11:00 Stewardship Team in the Library
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 5:30 Worship Team in the Parlor

Tue 05/15 Chimes DEADLINE / NIC Clergy Session @ Christ UMC
 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
 5:30 pm YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Sanctuary
 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 05/16
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 4202 Schmitt Ln.
 11:00 Domestic Violence Team in the Library
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Graystone, Aldeen Golf Club
 1:00 pm Diabetic Self-Management in Room 209
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room

Thu 05/17 GARDEN BAZAAR delivery
 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
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor

Fri 05/18
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 Garden Bazaar - Sidewalk/Chapel Narthex
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 IMAGE Class in the Library
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
 4:00 Spring Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sat 05/19
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 9:00 Garden Bazaar - Sidewalk/Chapel Narthex
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor
 11:00 2018 Spring Pageant in the Sanctuary

Sun 05/20 Pentecost/Heritage Sunday
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:30 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center
 2:00 pm JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4288 Uram Lane

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.

*Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day
 May 13, 2018*