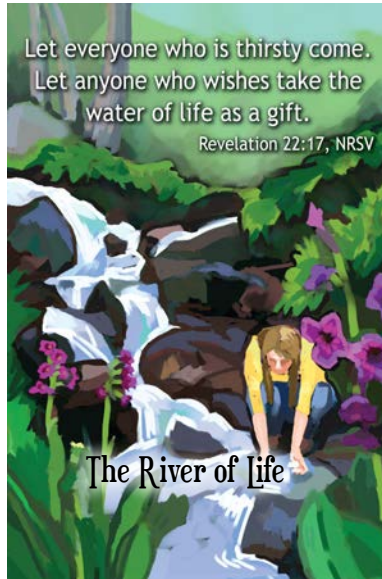


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Love with God



& Growing in Love
Water Cooler Gospel

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.

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018*

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

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

Prelude

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

~ Dale Wood

§ Call to Worship

L: Beloved in Christ, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;

***P:* A vision of a world formed by God and transformed by Jesus’ love.**

L: We are disciples who are called to embody lives of grace,

***P:* Sharing the Good News of the Gospel in our words and our actions.**

L: May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and open our eyes

***P:* that we may live into God’s vision for our lives,
our denomination, and our world.**

***All:* Thanks be to God! Amen!**

§ Opening Hymn ~ see insert

“Almighty Ruler of the Skies”

Mission Moment

Mary Pulliam

Director of Church Relations, One Body Collaboratives

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Responsive Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Gibbons

L: God of Wonder,

***P:* You called Sarah and Abraham to a new land.**

L: You called Esther to speak for your people.

***P:* You called disciples to learn from Jesus and to pray about everything.**

L: You call us to leave our busy schedules,

so that we may pause and experience you in this place.

***P:* You call us to leave our fears so that we may search
for new ways to live in your hope.**

L: You call us to abandon our self-interest

so that we might find our mission in serving others.

***All:* As we worship you this day, may we answer your call again, and, refreshed
by your Holy Spirit, go forth into the world to live and work as one body, the
body of Christ. Amen**

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

"Washing Away Sins"

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Reading from Revelation 22:1-5

New Testament p. 260

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

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

"The River of Life"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Praise to the Lord"

~ *Willan*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

§ **Affirmation of Faith, UMH #883**

Rev. Jim Gibbons

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

§ Introduction

Rev. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

§ **Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

Rev. Richard Wang

Leader: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

***People:* We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!**

Leader: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

People: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Leader: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

People: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Leader: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

People: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Leader: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

People: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

People: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

People: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

Leader: But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

People: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

(The pastors offers gestures of calling upon the Holy Spirit to come upon the people and the water. The people are invited to offer the same gestures as they respond.)

Leader (all 4 Pastors speak as Leader): Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Come upon these waters.

People: Come upon these waters.

Leader: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

***People:* Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**

Leader: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

***People:* Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**

Leader: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

***People:* Glory to you!**

Leader: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

***People:* Glory to you!**

Leader: Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

***People:* Glory to you!**

Leader: Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

***People:* All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

Remembering our Baptism & Anointing

You are invited to remember your baptism at the stations around the sanctuary.

*There are also stations with anointing oil & prayer
as we engage in our unique calls in ministry.*

Unison Prayer:

Rev. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful for the Holy Spirit moving in our hearts and lives. We thank you for the renewal and restoration we experience in holy time spent with each other. We remember and pray your blessing on those brothers and sisters who are not with us today. Pour out your Spirit on us now that we may hear your word of Hope in a new way. May our work together be fruitful. We pray that we may continue your work, and that you grant us strength and endurance in the process. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

§ Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2216 “When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise”

§ Benediction

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

You transformed humble water into wine; you can transform us, too. Remake us until we, too, brim over with the joy of your Presence. **Amen.**

~ From Diane Karay, All the Seasons of Mercy (1987)

Choral Response “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” *~ Lutkin*

Postlude Variations on ‘Shall We Gather at the River?’ *~ Virgil Thomason*

Facetime by the Big Bell

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 08/19 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Pick-Up Choir in the Choir Room**
- 9:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**
- 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
- 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell**
- 11:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**
- 11:15 One Body Collaboratives Discussion in Sanctuary**
- 3:00 pm James R. Brown Organ Concert in the Sanctuary**

Mon 08/20 METHODIST MONDAY

- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
- 4:00 pm Finance Team in the Library**
- 5:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room**

Tue 08/21

- 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**
- 5:30 pm YAVO on 3rd floor**
- 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center**
- 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202**
- 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**

Wed 08/22

- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
- 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100**

Thu 08/23

- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
- 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100**
- 12:00 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in Room 209**
- 1:00 The Journeymen in the Parlor**
- 1:00 Chimes stuffing in the Library**
- 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor**
- 7:00 4-Church Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

Fri 08/24

- 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 08/25

- 8:00 am District UMW Leadership Meeting**
- 8:00 Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor**
- 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor**



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!

Have you heard of One Body Collaboratives? Are you aware that they meet right here at Court Street? Mary Pulliam will be speaking to us TODAY about this program. She will talk during the worship service, and then will continue sharing in the Sanctuary, immediately following the worship service. Come and hear about this important ministry, ask questions, and learn how we can support them.

You won't want to miss Court Street UMC's second Summer Organ Concert TODAY at 3:00 p.m., featuring James Russell Brown, Organist and Director of Music at St. Giles Episcopal in Northbrook. Free admission. There will be a free-will Offering with proceeds to benefit Court Street's Sanctuary Organ Project.

Methodist Monday Reminder
August 20 - Judy & Fred Mehren

4-Church Service will be next Sunday, August 26, 10:00 a.m., here at Court Street UMC Church. This is a wonderful worship service where we join with our neighboring churches, 2nd Congregational/1st Presbyterian, Emmanuel Episcopal, and Shalom Comunidad de Paz in worshipping God. All are welcome! If you want your offering to go to Court Street, please put it in a CSUMC envelope - thank you!

Don't forget to purchase Scrip when you are planning your end of summer shopping. Walmart, and Target can be helpful when you are purchasing school supplies and clothes. Garden supplies can be fulfilled with Menards, Lowes or Home Depot cards which are always on hand. We have many restaurant cards which can come in handy on those hot summer nights when you don't want to cook. Let's keep the Scrip program going strong.

Tuesday, August 28, 5:15 pm – A Summer Evening JFON Benefit at Anderson Gardens hosted by Dady & Hoffman LLC. Food and beverages at 5:15, music with the Beth Kille Band and Harlan Jefferson starting at 5:45. \$100 donation per person. Please make your checks out to "NIJFON" and write "Rockford" on the memo line. Mail number of reservations and check to JFON, c/o A. Simpson, 511 Dawson Ave, Rockford, IL 61107.

The first meeting for the Thanksgiving Dinner will be on August 30th at the Olympic at 6 PM. Please come and participate in the planning for our 37th Thanksgiving Dinner. All are welcome to attend; dinner is at your own expense.



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of Leslie Thomas who passed away on 8/17/1987
by the Gwen Thomas Bequest Fund.

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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