

§ 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 "I believe in One God" ~ James D. Kimball

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Just a taste of something wonderful,

People: Only a glimpse of something magnificent,

Leader: Just a glimmer of something holy in something so ordinary.

People: Yet, enough to know we are in the presence of God,

Leader: Enough to cause us to stop and stare in awe,

People: Enough to stir our hearts in wonder,

Leader: Enough to set our feet to dancing,

All: And to prompt our voices to praise.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn UMH #657

"This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-43a

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"BHAG!"

(bee-hag)

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 "Immortal, Invisible"

~ Eric Thiman

§ 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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

§ Benediction

We will one day have a front row-seat from which to behold Christ's glory. For now, we live in the "already not yet," with his kingdom breaking forth though not always fully in view. Go this week to be agents of that kingdom, living in the hope and power of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. **Amen.**

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You" ~ Lutkin

Postlude

"Oh God, You are My God!" ~ Lloyd Waterston

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so,

leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of my husband, Allen, & my son, Steve,
by Kay Pang.



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!

Prayerfully consider joining in a small group study of Mike Slaughter's book, "Made for a Miracle," during Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Pastor Cal will be leading a group on Sundays, beginning March 10, at 11:30 in the Church Parlor. Books available for \$14 - scholarships are available.

Ash Wednesday Services: Noon & 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Set aside Tuesday, MARCH 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER. In keeping with fun tradition, we will serve pancakes and play games the night before ASH WEDNESDAY. Pancake flour, eggs, milk, butter, liquid shortening, and monetary contributions for sausage will be accepted before the day. Please check the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Next Sunday, March 10th, 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.

The United Methodist Women continues to organize, prepare, and serve funeral/memorial service luncheons at the request of families who have lost a loved one. We appreciate help from anyone in the congregation. If you can bake a cake, help with setup, decorate tables, serve food, wash dishes, or help with cleanup, please let us know, and we will add your name to our list. You can choose what you would like to do and you do not need to help at every funeral. For more information or to signup, please call Diane Risley at 815-964-2226 or Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518.

Join us for the 1st Annual 'Night in Italy' Fundraiser for Jeremiah Development. The evening includes Cocktail Hour, Italian Dining "Under the Stars", Silent Auction, Trivia Contest, and Photo Booth complete with gondola and Italian backdrop! Come for a festive night of friendship, fine food and fun! Tickets: \$45 each, 2 for \$80, or \$300 for a table of 8. Tickets available online at JeremiahDevelopment.org, at the door, from Court Street's Church Office, or Joan Tunnell. Proceeds go to Jeremiah Development, NFP to help support LOVE Rockford, Jeremiah Garden, and programs to build a strong neighborhood in the near west-side downtown area of Rockford.

If you're looking for ways to cross the cultural divide, join Jeremiah Development as we cross Court St! Beginning March 16th and once a month after that, we will be hand delivering a newsletter to residents who live in the Jeremiah area. We would like a team of about 8-10 people willing to give up 2-2.5 hours on a Saturday morning once a month. We have a core group of about 6 people that delivered last summer and we would like to add to that team. We meet at 9 am and we are done by 11-11:30. If you are interested in participating, please email Sue Kanthak at sue@jeremiahdevelopment.org.

