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## 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 "Ich Ruf Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ" ~ J.S. Bach

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* The race is set before us.

**People:** We journey with Jesus to places unknown.

*Leader:* Soon we will arrive in Jerusalem.

**People:** But Jerusalem is noted for killing the prophets and those whom God sends.

*Leader:* Fear not! God is with us and will guide us on this journey of faith.

**People:** We place ourselves completely in God's care.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #580 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
Pastoral Prayer  
**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1  
*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.

Musical Witness "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" ~ arr. H. Morris  
*JuBellation Handbell Choir*

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 13:31-35  
*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.

Journeying To Jerusalem:  
"Heading Home"  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory "Ave Verum Corpus" ~ Mozart  
*Chancel Choir*

§ Doxology UMH #95  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #286  
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

§ Benediction

The journey of Jesus took him into a world of suffering, rejection, and death. As we go into this same world, embolden us, O God, that we too might take up our cross and follow you. Teach us to ask not that you shield us from temptation, but that you keep us from evil in temptation's midst. **Amen.**

*~ Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, Litanies and Other Prayers for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B (Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1993), 65.*

(Extinguishing the 2nd Candle on our Journey to Jerusalem)  
Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You" ~ Lutkin

Postlude "Ave Verum Corpus" ~ Charles Gounod  
*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

**Please join us next Sunday, March 24, after church in the Narthex to Celebrate the 150th Birthday of United Methodist Women. Cake and coffee will be served.**

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society-what would later become the United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn to India to serve the women of the nation. Since then, United Methodist Women has evolved to become the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization, underwriting programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children, and youth.



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!

**Noisy Offering is TODAY!!**  
**Your coins help support Waffles & Worship**

**Prayerfully consider joining in a small group study of Mike Slaughter's book, "Made for a Miracle," during Lent.** Pastor Cal is leading a group on Sundays at 11:30 in the Church Parlor. A second session is offered at Joanne Muck's, 1812 Meadows Circle - check with Joanne to verify day & time. Five books left for \$14 each or scholarships are available. We want everyone who desires to study this to be able to join in, whether on your own or in a study group.

**Pick up a Lenten Offering folder from the Narthex to practice self-denial and give a little extra to forward God's missions.** It's an easy, fun way to mark off the days until Easter; only 25 cents a day goes in each slot with nothing for Sundays as they are 'mini-Easters'.

Come to a **30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, March 20th, in the Chapel and hear Rev. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart speak on 'Miracles Come with a Cost.'** Afterwards, get a **light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.** We will continue with mid-week services on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel through the Lenten season. All are invited.

**The Domestic Violence Awareness Sub-Committee will meet at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 18th prior to the Nurture and Outreach Committee meeting.** Anyone in the church congregation interested in attending this sub-committee meeting is welcome to join us. We will share information on the seminar on Domestic Violence presented at the Rescue Mission on March 7th. Your comments and input are always welcome. Thank you.

**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.

*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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**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Helen Gibbons **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video:** Steve Ripley  
**Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Facetime Hostesses:** Judy Schmitt, Kay Galloway

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

**Sun 03/17 2nd Sunday in Lent**  
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room  
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 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  
 11:30 Youth Choir in the Choir Room  
 11:30 'Made for a Miracle' Study in the Parlor  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302  
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4850 Black Oak Trail

**Mon 03/18**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 11:00 Domestic Violence Awareness Team in Library  
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach Team in the Dining Room  
 4:00 Finance Team in the Library  
 5:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

**Tue 03/19**  
 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 Busy Bag Ladies in Room 205  
 10:30 Winn Cty Substance Abuse Team in Dining Room  
 3:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 03/20**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ Restoration Cafe, 625 W. State St.  
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St.  
 12:00 pm Worship Service in the Chapel  
 12:30 Lenten Lunch in the Dining Room  
 5:30 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center

**Thu 03/21**  
 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  
 4:00 SPRC in the Library

**Fri 03/22**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm 'Made for a Miracle' Study @ 1812 Meadows Circle  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

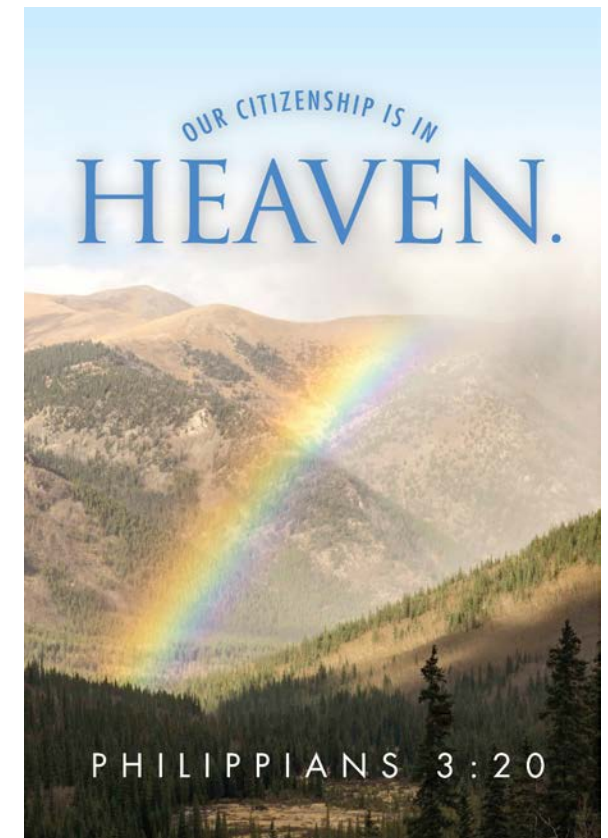
**Sat 03/23**  
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor

**Sun 03/24 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room  
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room  
 11:30 Youth Choir in the Choir Room  
 11:30 'Made for a Miracle' Study in the Parlor  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

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

MEETING  
 WHERE  
 JOINING **U** R  
 ON

The **JOURNEY**



*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.

2nd Sunday in Lent  
 March 17, 2019

**WELCOME!**

March 17, 2019

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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