

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

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

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

Prelude "Journey" ~ *Wilbur Held*

§ Call to Worship

One: The road to the cross may be steep -

All: **Journey on.**

One: We may lose our way -

All: **Listen for inner direction.**

One: The path may be rocky -

All: **Walk lightly.**

One: There are twists and turns -

All: **Follow closely.**

One: There is danger and risk -

All: **Be alert, stay focused.**

One: There will be an ending -

All: **It isn't far.**

One: Walk on -

All: **Trusting as you go.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #375 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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 13:1-9

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:

"Lightening the Load"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "God So Loved the World" ~ *Stainer*

Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #577

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

§ Benediction

Brothers and sisters, God has given us a fresh start! We are sinners, but forgiven sinners, embraced by God who loves us as much as any parent welcoming a child. God always waits to lift our burdens, forgive our mistakes and fill our emptiness. Go now to share this good news with all who need it, and may God's love surround you, Christ's peace dwell in you and the Spirit's breath fill you with the freshness of new life. **Amen.**

(Extinguishing the 3rd Candle on our Journey to Jerusalem)

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You" ~ *Rutter*

Postlude "Plenae sanctum" ~ *Monteverdi*

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 our United Methodist Women in the Narthex to Celebrate the organization's 150th Birthday.

Cake and coffee will be served.

We would like to recognize the students from Rockford University who are singing in the choir today:

Kaitlin Harbin, Austin Rubincoki, and Jordan Brusterl



Altar Flowers are given...

...in honor of our organization's 150th Birthday by CSUMC's United Methodist Women.



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. 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.

Short-term commitment: Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the Chancel Choir in singing the Palm Sunday cantata, 'What Love Is This?' Come to rehearsal this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.; stay as long as you are able.

Come to a **30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, March 27th, in the Chapel and hear Rev. Calvin Culpepper speak on 'The Miracle of Love.'** 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.

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 wish to order tulips in memory or in honor of a loved one, please see the enclosed order form. A 6-inch pot of tulips is \$10.30. Please make your check payable to Court Street UMC, with Easter Flowers in the memo, fill out the form and drop both in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. **Deadline for orders: April 5.**

UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is March 31, 2019. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Liturgists: The sign-up sheet for the months of April, May, and June is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Check your calendar and sign up today to get the Sunday you desire.

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
Greeters: Chris & JanLynn Druce Jones **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
Van Driver: Bruce Shindel
Facetime Hostesses: UMW Leadership Team

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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

Mon 03/25 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 03/26 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
 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
 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 03/27 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 12:00 pm Worship Service in the Chapel
 12:30 Lenten Lunch in the Dining Room

Thu 03/28 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
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 03/29 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 03/30 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 6:00 pm Jeremiah Dinner Fundraiser @ Mendelssohn

Sun 03/31 4th 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 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**



... with the testing he will also provide **the way out** so that you may be able to endure it.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13, NRSV

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.

*3rd Sunday in Lent
 March 24, 2019*

WELCOME! March 24, 2019
We're glad you're worshiping 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 _____