

§ 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 "Prelude on 'The Third Tune'" ~ *Thomas Tallis*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

People: Christ goes with us side by side.

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.

Leader: As we sing, pray, and listen,

People: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

Leader: And may this time of worship,

People: Be for us a constant guide.

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

People: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #545 "The Church's One Foundation"

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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

Andrew J. Mertenich

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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:

"Returning to Righteousness"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ~ *Martin Chancel Choir*

§ Doxology UMH #95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Special Recognition

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #292

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

§ Benediction

Stand firm in the Lord. Trust in the promises of God. Live fully in the power of the Holy Spirit. Walk with Jesus through his earthly journey to Jerusalem and know that God's great Spirit always walks with us. **Amen.**

(Extinguishing the 4th Candle on our Journey to Jerusalem)

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

Postlude

"Gethsemane"

~ *Wilbur Held*

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 in the Narthex for special treats.



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!

UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is TODAY. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover the costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects 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. Please make your check out to CSUMC with 'UMCOR' on the memo line.

Prayerfully consider joining 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. Two 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, April 3rd, in the Chapel and hear Rev. Richard Wang speak on 'Activate the Power of Faith.'** 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 and welcome.

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.**

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.

TO ALL THE NEW AND SEASONED VOLUNTEERS OF OUR GARDEN BAZAAR!!! Help is needed as follows: May 16 - Thursday..in the morning to sort and organize the 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 17 - Friday..We need people at 7:30 to set up, from 9-3 to help sell, and at 3 to take down. May18..Saturday...We need people to set up at 7:30, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1. Please contact Perky (815-519-7520) or Karen (815-742-4716) 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 "old faithfuls."

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!

March 31, 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
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Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
E-mail _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Bess Koehn **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Brian King **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Van Driver: Tim Gorman
Facetime Hostesses: Sue Cram, Judy Mehren

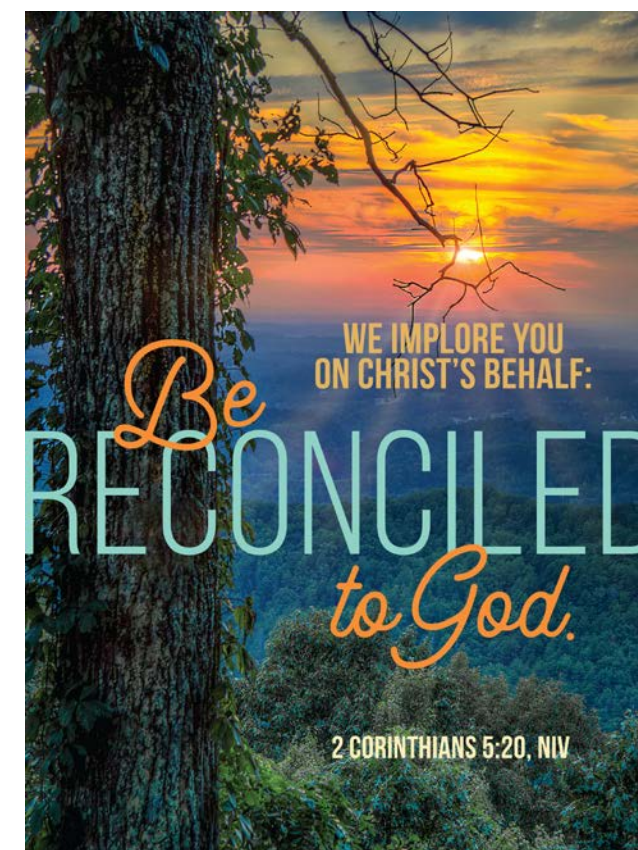
Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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
- Mon 04/01** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
Tue 04/02 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
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202
- Wed 04/03** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
10:30 UMW Leadership Team in the Dining Room
12:00 pm Worship Service in the Chapel
12:30 Lenten Lunch in the Dining Room
- Thu 04/04** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
10:00 Stewardship Team in the Library
1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor
- Fri 04/05** 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 04/06** 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
- Sun 04/07 5th Sunday in Lent**
8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room
9:00 Sunday School - 104, Dining Room
9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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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.

4th Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019