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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

“Improvisation on ‘God, the Sculptor of the Mountains’”  
*Mertzenich*

### § Litany

*Leader:* Because we find the glory of God not only in a believer’s heart but also in creation, we remember our faith-in-action for eco-sustainability.

*All:* **We believe in God who created the earth.**

**We believe that humans are part of the natural systems of creation.**

**We believe that the sins of humanity toward creation are not outside of God’s redeeming grace.**

**We promise to protect God’s gifts of land, air and water.**

**We promise to care for God’s creatures, plants and seeds.**

**We promise to see the natural world and the spiritual world as God’s domain and act accordingly.**

*Leader:* May God’s Word and Holy Spirit guide us in caring for creation wherever we exist as the church.

*All:* **Amen.**

*~ Rev. Nancy Blade, Co-Chair of Task Force on Eco-Sustainability*

### § Opening Hymn UMH #92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys  
Domestic Violence Awareness  
Prayer of the People

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
“Pebble in My Shoe”  
*Kathy Welk*

**The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:26-31

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

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Hymn UMH #62, verses 1-4

**“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

§ Gospel Reading John 1:1-5

*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 John.

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

“God’s Partners in Care of Creation”

*Diane Risley, Stewardship Team*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - *Please use the insert.*

Aiden Lawrence Condon  
Thomas John Condon  
Jackson Edward Gdowski

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH &  
RECEPTION of MEMBERS into LOCAL CONGREGATION

Derick Parker

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “The Gift of Love” ~ *Hopson*

### § Doxology UMH #94

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #144

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

### § Benediction

*Leader:* We are now God’s stewards.

**People:** We are indebted to him for all we have.

*Leader:* A steward is not at liberty to use what is lodged in his hands as *he* pleases, but as his master pleases,

**People:** Who alone is the possessor of heaven and earth and the Lord of every creature.

*Leader:* God entrusts us with this world’s goods on this express condition,

**People:** That we use them only as our Master’s goods, and according to the particular directions which he has given us in his Word. Amen.

*~ John Wesley, Sermon 51, “The Good Steward,” §III, Works 2:283-84.*

Choral Benediction “Our Last Amen” ~ “*Keveren*”

Postlude “Prelude and Fugue in F” ~ *J.S. Bach*

*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 memory of the wedding anniversary of Gwen & Leslie Thomas on April 26th by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest.



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!

The United Methodist Women invite all women of the church to a luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st, in the Court Street dining room. A delicious meal will be served, followed by our guest speaker. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Calvin Culpepper, will share about the Rockford Police Department’s chaplain division. As a volunteer chaplain for the city, Rev. Culpepper will share about the various experiences which he has encountered. In this role, he may be called upon to deliver an invocation at public meetings, help a family grieve a suicide or homicide, or lend an ear to a officer or firefighter struggling with a tragedy. Please join us at noon, for a time of good food and fellowship, and to become more aware of the Chaplaincy program. Friends and family are welcome to join us. Cost is \$7 per person. **Please call Judy Mehren by TODAY to make your reservations at 815-988-6561.**

This Sunday, April 28th, is designated Blue Sunday, a day of prayer for abused children. Over 1600 children die annually from abuse. Most are under the age of 3. Let’s pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer for the children in our city and nation until black and blue are just colors in their crayon box. *Nurture and Outreach Committee*

Help support our Sanctuary Organ Project by attending the concert on Monday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. when The LYRA Group, from St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform in our Sanctuary. They perform a variety of music ranging from Russian sacred music to famous masters - D. Bortnjansky, P. Tchaikovsky, P. Tchesnokov, A. Gretchaninov, S. Rakhmaninov, I. Stravinsky and others. Admission is free, but a Free-will Offering will be taken.

To all the New and Seasoned Volunteers of our Garden Bazaar!!! Help is needed: 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.

Jeremiah Development, along with many community partners, is hosting the third LOVE ROCKFORD event, on May 11, 2019, from 10AM – 2PM. Congregations, businesses, community agencies and volunteers will be working together to reach out to the underserved. During our LOVE ROCKFORD day, residents will have the opportunity to be linked with a variety of counseling and housing services, and get blood pressure checks, hearing and vision tests, while the young may opt for face painting or other children’s activities. Hungry stomachs will be met with a free lunch, and a box of food will be available to take home. **If you are interested in volunteering for LOVE ROCKFORD, register online at [loverockfordil.org/volunteer](http://loverockfordil.org/volunteer).**

*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.*

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP	
<b>Greeter:</b> Kay Galloway	<b>Acolyte:</b> Jeriel Bragori
<b>Ushers:</b> The Sue Cram Team	<b>Video:</b> Steve Ripley
<b>Sound Tech:</b> Tim Welk	<b>Liturgist:</b> Stewardship Team
<b>Van Driver:</b> Tim Gorman	
<b>Facetime Hostesses:</b> Judy Mehren, Cindy Anderson	

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

**Sun 04/28 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 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  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302  
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 1012 Mayfair Ct.

**Mon 04/29** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 6:30 pm The LYRA Group Concert in the Sanctuary

**Tue 04/30** 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  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 05/01** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Thu 05/02** 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 05/03** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 05/04** 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor  
 11:00 Confirmation Meeting at CSUMC

**Sun 05/05 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 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  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:30 Youth Choir in the Choir Room  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

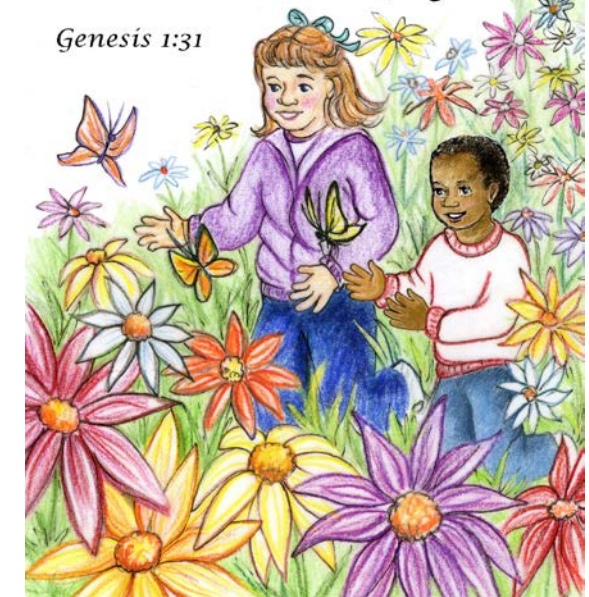
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.*

Genesis 1:31



*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 of Easter  
 April 28, 2019

**WELCOME!**

April 28, 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 \_\_\_\_\_