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## 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

### § Call to Worship

*One:* Welcome home.

**All: God bids us to come**

*One:* Find rest for our weariness,

**All: Find peace deeper than our worry.**

*One:* Welcome home,

**All: All you who are lost, wandering, or stuck in despair.**

*One:* Welcome

**All: To God's arms, as wide as a father's care,  
as warm as a mother's love.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

§ Gospel Reading John 10:22-30

*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.**

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message "A Mother's Day Tribute"

"I Just Want to Celebrate"

*Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

New Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17

*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.**

"Peering into Paradise: A Loving Parent!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Lord of the Dance"

~ Carter/Harrt

### § Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #306

**The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"**

### § Benediction

God's promises endure from generation to generation.

May the God of Abraham and Sarah,

may the God of Elijah and Ruth,

may the God of Peter and Mary,

may the God who sent Jesus to love and redeem us,

may the God whose covenant is eternal,

bless you and fill you

with abundance and faith today and always! **Amen.**

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You" ~ Rutter

Postlude

*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

**The Domestic Violence Awareness Sub-Committee will meet at 11:00 A.M. TOMORROW, May 13th, prior to the Nurture and Outreach Committee meeting.** Anyone in the church congregation or community is welcome to join us. Your comments and input are appreciated.



**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!

**It's Bake Sale time again!** You can pick up boxes in the Narthex after service from Diane Lutmer or Betty Seiter TODAY. Bake Sale will be May 17 & 18 along with the Garden Bazaar. Thank you all!

**The church is looking for a part-time Nursery Worker to work Sundays from 9 A.M. to Noon and other times as needed.** Need to be 18 years old, like children, and pass a criminal background check. Applications can be obtained from the church office.

**TODAY we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** There is an insert in this bulletin to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

**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.

**Noisy Offering is coming next Sunday, May 19!!  
Save your coins & help support Waffles & Worship**

**A Share Day (formerly Scoopie Day), where you go to Culver's on N. Main & Riverside, is happening between 11 and 2 next Sunday, May 19.** A percentage of your purchases will go towards our United Methodist Men and our Youth. Give even more to the church by purchasing Culver gift cards from Scrip to pay for your meals/treats.

**Will you help us help others? We are collecting boxes of 1-gallon sealable plastic bags and bars of soap (3-4 oz.) in the Narthex until June 2nd.** These items will be combined with other items from other districts to create Dignity Kits. **We pray for your support of the 2019 Mission Challenge for the UMC Northern IL Conference.**

**Come on Wednesday, May 22, 6pm, on the church sidewalk for the Blessing of our Pets.** Bring your pet or a picture of your pet for Pastor Cal to bless. Rain site will be the Chapel Narthex.

**You are invited to a CSUMC 2019 Concert:**

**Saturday, May 25, 2019,** at 3:00 p.m., **Andrew J. Mertzenich,** Organist at Court Street United Methodist Church.

*Free-will offering to benefit CSUMC Sanctuary Organ Project*

*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:** Dorothy Powell      **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team      **Video:** Steve Ripley  
**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk      **Liturgist:** Leta Gerber  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel      **Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club

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

**Sun 05/12 4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**  
 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

**Mon 05/13**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 11:00 Domestic Violence Awareness in the Library  
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach Team in the Dining Room  
 5:30 Worship Committee in the Parlor

**Tue 05/14**  
 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  
 2:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 5:30 Trustee Team in the Library  
 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 05/15 Chimes DEADLINE**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 2212 Midway Dr.  
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ 1060 W. Riverside Blvd.  
 5:30 pm N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center  
 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**Thu 05/16 Garden Bazaar Plants Arrive - Work Morning**  
 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

**Fri 05/17**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 GARDEN BAZAAR - outside/Chapel Narthex  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

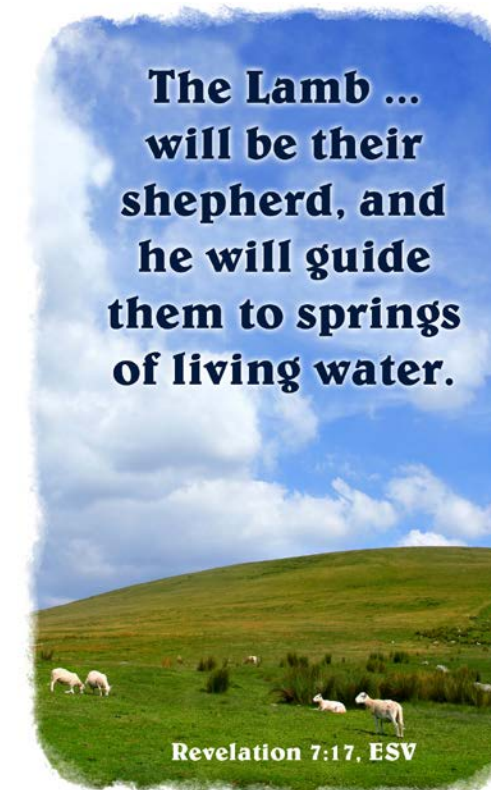
**Sat 05/18**  
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor  
 9:00 GARDEN BAZAAR - outside/Chapel Narthex

**Sun 05/19 Heritage Sunday/50-year Member/Graduate Recognition**  
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room  
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:00 SHARE DAY @ Culver's, N. Main & Riverside  
 4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club

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

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**



**WELCOME!** May 12, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

*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 of Easter/Mother's Day  
 May 12, 2019*