

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

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 "Prelude on 'Diademata'" ~ D.C. Isele

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Today is a day that is held in tension.

**People: We are surrounded by the past
yet looking toward the future.**

Leader: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence
of God with us, in joys as well as in sorrow,

People: And a future filled with promises.

Leader: A future when death and mourning and crying
and pain will be no more.

**People: And God proclaims,
"See, I am making all things new."**

Leader: Today we worship the one who was, is, and is to come.

People: Let us worship in word, song, and service.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #731

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness "Majestic Alleluia" ~ Joel Raney
JuBellation

§ Gospel Reading John 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 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 ~ "It's More Than 'Play-doh'!"

Graduate Recognition

Lydia Ludington Hannah Whitmore

Noisy Offering

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

Musical Witness "Joshua!" ~ Arr. Ruth Artman
Ella Anderson, soloist

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-6

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 New Paradigm"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Recognition of 50-year Anniversary Members

Jean Manson Nancy Stanis

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #408 "The Gift of Love"

§ Benediction ~ Anonymous, 10th century

May the Lord Jesus Christ be near to defend you, within you
to refresh you, around you to preserve you, before you to guide
you, behind you to justify you, above you to bless you; who
lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for-
evermore. **Amen.**

Benediction Response *Jack Armstrong*

Postlude "Postlude" ~ Arnold Cooke

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.

**Share Day @ Culver's on N. Main & Riverside (instead of Face-
time by the Big Bell) ~ Share Day (formerly Scoopie Day) is hap-
pening TODAY between 11 and 2.** 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.



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in wor-
shipping God this morning. We are all one family. We pray
you will be blessed and invite you to return!

**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.

**Noisy Offering is happening today!!
This helps support Waffles & Worship
which occurs on the 1st Sunday of each month**

**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: Saturday, May 25, at 3:00 p.m., to hear **Andrew J.
Mertzenich**, our organist, present an organ concert. Free Admission.
*A free-will offering will be taken to benefit our Sanctuary Organ Ren-
ovation Project.*

**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.**

Church is Closed Monday, May 27 - Have a blessed Memorial Day!

**Lois & Truman Lander celebrate 70 years of marriage and you are
invited** ~ Lois & Truman's children & grandchildren request the plea-
sure of your company at an open house on Saturday, June 1st, 1:30 p.m.
to 4:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Room at Midway Village, 6799 Guilford
Road. Please, no gifts. Come celebrate with them!

**Plan now to attend Worship in the Park at Rock Cut on Sunday, June
2, 10:00 a.m.** We will be meeting in the Puri Crest Shelter (Rock Cut
maps are available in the Narthex) at Rock Cut to worship God in his
beautiful outdoors. Join in the Potluck Lunch by bringing a dish to
share (*sign up in the Narthex for what dish you will bring*), your own
table service, your own beverage, and a lawn chair if you desire, and
participate in family games and activities after lunch.

**Court Street UMC is being honored as one of the congregations
who provided the largest increase in their financial giving to United
Voices for Children in 2018!** We will be recognized and given a certif-
icate at the United Voices for Children Breakfast during the upcoming
annual conference session--on Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:45 a.m. Thank
you so much. You have made a real difference in the lives of at-risk
children and youth.

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: Fred & Judy Mehren **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell **Liturgist:** Carter Anderson
Van Driver: Dan Boon

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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 @ 4134 Tumbleweed Trail

Mon 05/20 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 4:30 pm Finance Team in the Library
 5:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

Tue 05/21 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 Bell Cleaning in the Choir Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 05/22 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 pm Pet Blessing on the Sidewalk
 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

Thu 05/23 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 05/24 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

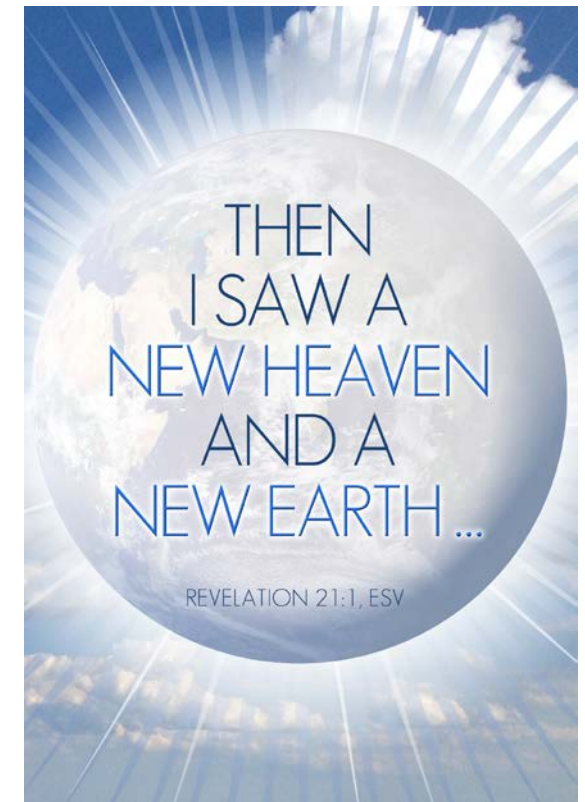
Sat 05/25 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 3:00 pm Andrew J. Mertzenich Organ Concert-Sanctuary

Sun 05/26 6th Sunday of Easter/Confirmation
 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
 11:00 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:00 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The JOURNEY



WELCOME! May 19, 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 _____
 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.

*Heritage Sunday/50 Year Member/Graduate Recognition
 May 19, 2019*