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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 "Adoration" ~ Felix Borowski

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We come to worship God,  
who has made us and knows us;

*People:* We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

*Leader:* We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

*People:* We come with joy,  
knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

*Leader:* We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

*People:* May we enter this worship  
knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!

### § Opening Hymn UMH #93

"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

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 14:23-29  
*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

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

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-10 & 22 through 22:5  
*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 Prepared Presence"  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Confirmation - *please use the Confirmation insert*

Ella Anderson  
Tegan Ludington  
Jacob Voigt

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Shall We Gather at the River" ~ *arr. P. Drennan*

### § Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2158

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

§ Benediction ~ *St. Patrick (389-461)*  
May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction "Our Last Amen" ~ *Keveren*

Postlude "Constant Prayer" ~ *Edwin Flood*  
*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 - Join us as we celebrate**  
*Fred Mehren's birthday and our 2019 Confirmation Class.*



Altar Flowers are given...  
... in loving memory of my parents and siblings  
by Bob Henbest.



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 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.

**Only 1 more Sunday! 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 at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. **Thank you for your support of the 2019 Mission Challenge for the UMC Northern IL Conference.**

**Church is Closed TOMORROW - Have a blessed Memorial Day!**

**Lois & Truman Lander celebrate 70 years of marriage and you are invited** ~ Lois & Truman's children & grandchildren request the pleasure 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!

**Everyone is welcome to participate in Waffles & Worship next Sunday, June 2nd, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** We begin with breakfast for a free-will donation then continue our fellowship by worshipping God. Communion will be served.

**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 certificate 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.

**Methodist Monday** begins June 3rd when we pass out treats to those who pass by our church. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office to verify the date you've signed up for.

**We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 9th, at our 10:00 a.m. worship service.** All are encouraged to wear some red to symbolize the coming of the Holy Spirit within us.

*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

**Greeter:** Beverly Maus                      **Acolyte:** Rachel Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team              **Video:** Steve Ripley  
**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk                      **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Facetime Hostesses:** Judy Mehren & Sue Cram

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

**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**

**Mon 05/27 CHURCH is CLOSED - Have a blessed Memorial Day!**

**Tue 05/28** 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**  
 6:15 **Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 05/29** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 6:30 pm **Praise Team Rehearsal**

**Thu 05/30** 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 05/31** 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

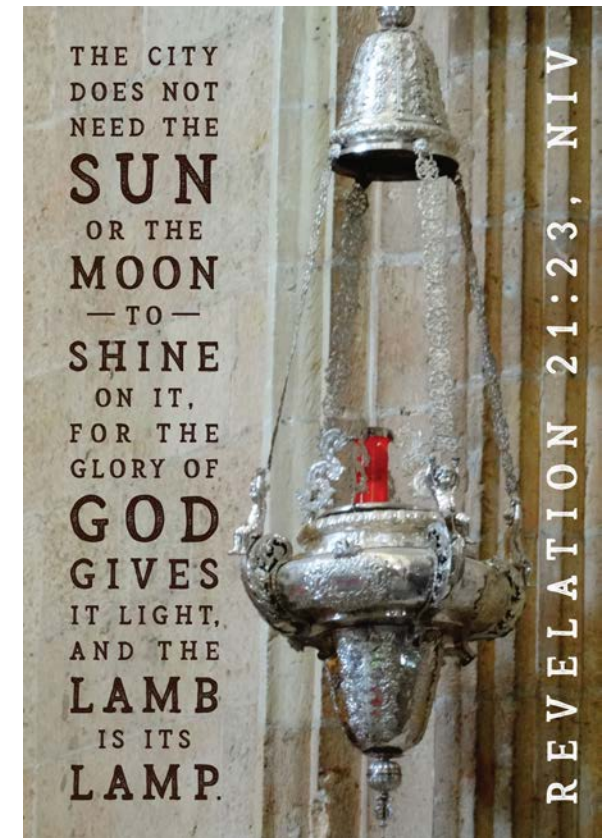
**Sat 06/01** 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor

**Sun 06/02 7th Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 am **Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room**  
 10:00 **Worship Service @ Rock Cut State Park**  
 11:00 **Potluck Lunch @ Rock Cut State Park**  
 1:00 pm **N IL Annual Conference begins in Schaumburg**

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.

6th Sunday of Easter/Confirmation  
 May 26, 2019

**WELCOME!** May 26, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_