

§ 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 "How Great Thou Art" ~ *arr. J. Wayne Kerr*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

***People:* In you, O Lord, I put my trust.**

Leader: Show me your ways and teach me your paths.

***People:* Lead me in your truth, for you are the God of my salvation and I put my trust in you.**

Leader: You are gracious, O Lord,
and you teach sinners your way.

***People:* You guide the humble in doing right and you teach your ways to the lowly.**

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness.

***People:* His paths are for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Leader: The Lord is a friend to those who love him
and follow his path and his teachings.

***People:* Your loving kindness and mercy preserve me, O Lord, and my hope will always be in you.**

~ Based on Psalm 25,

Judith A. Lewison, Des Moines, Iowa.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Stewardship Moment

*Joyce Williams
Institute for Community Alliance*

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Hymn UMH #657

"This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

"In Search of Happiness" *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #804

Psalm 84

"Dwelling with the Divine is my Desire"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "The Good Shepherd" ~ *Beardsley Van de Water
Nancy Shindel, soloist*

§ Doxology UMH #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #437

"This Is My Song"

§ Benediction

~ St. Anselm

Now, O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with a whole heart, that so desiring you we may seek and find you, and so finding you may love you, and loving you may hate those sins which separate us from you, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Postlude

"Veni, Sancte Spiritus"

~ Malcolm Archer

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

**We thank Nancy Shindel
for sharing her musical gifts with us today!**



Altar flowers are given...

*...in honor of our 6th wedding anniversary
by Darlene & Gary Dienhart.*

During the last month you may have seen table tents in the Narthex with questions regarding Domestic Violence. We will continue asking a new question each week through the end of August. Please read the question, answer it, and discuss it with your table mates. The correct answer can be found on the bottom of the table tent. Domestic Violence can affect any one, any where and at any time. If you would like to attend a meeting of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee, you are welcome to do so. Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 6th, from 11:00-12:00 in the church library. *Nurture and Outreach*

The two downtown Methodist Churches, Court Street UMC and Christ The Carpenter UMC, are teaming together for a "Hymn Sing" outside our church on August 11th at 11am. There will be a regular but short worship service inside Court Street UMC at 10am. Please join us as we greet "Christ The Carpenter" members and other friends with open arms and open hearts. Dress informally and you may want to bring your own lawn chair. *Your Nurture and Worship Teams.*



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!

TODAY we are taking a special offering to help fund Peace with Justice ministries in our annual conference, in the United States, and around the world. When you give, you encourage people to live - not just preach - a gospel of peace. The offering supports ministries that teach and advocate for principles of peace and justice, such as refugee resettlement. Please make your check out to Court Street United Methodist Church with "Peace with Justice" in the memo line. Thank you!

Methodist Monday Reminder

July 29 - Teresa Field, Jeanine Wang

Worship & Waffles is NEXT Sunday, August 4, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Free-will donation for breakfast. This is a modern worship service and communion will be served. All are welcome!

During the school year, all students in the Rockford Public School District are eligible for free lunch. However, as schools go on summer break, parents will turn to the Food Pantry so their kids won't have to go without. **We are collecting peanut butter and also jelly (plastic bottles only, please) for the Food Pantry during July** - there is a collection barrel in our Narthex. As always, thanks Court Street UMC for helping those in need. *Nurture/Outreach Committee*

Court Street United Methodist's Christian Education and Fine Arts Ministries will be holding a FINE ARTS CAMP EXPERIENCE August 12 through August 16. The Camp's theme is SHINE (Serving Him In New Experiences) and will include musical, theatrical, dance, human video, visual arts, and anti-bullying activities, will have tracks for students ages 5 to 14, and will be held from 9 to 2 here at CSUMC. Registration is \$35 each (\$25 for 2nd, 3rd, etc. siblings) and includes lunches, snacks, and a camp T-shirt. A final performance and art show will be held during the church's worship service on August 18 at 10:00 a.m. Scholarships are available as needed. Anyone who would like to contribute money towards scholarships for students may do so by contacting the Church Office or designating and placing it in the Sunday offering plate. Registration forms are in the Narthex, the Church Office, and on the church website.

Devon Hollingsworth Organ Concert on Sunday, August 18, 3:00 p.m. ~ Former organist at Christ Church in Oakbrook, IL, Devon Hollingsworth received his training at Wheaton College (IL) and Northwestern University (Organ Performance). Devon has performed with area orchestras including College of DuPage and the Chicago Symphony at Ravinia. He has led a lecture/concert at Orchestra Hall in Chicago, and has joined in concert with Kishwaukee Symphony, and Youth Symphonies of DeKalb and Rockford. Devon is a member of Rockford AGO. Free admission. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds to benefit the Sanctuary Organ Renovation Project.

