

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Also, please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

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 "King Of Glory" ~ Todd Delaney
"That's What Mercy Did For me" ~ Charity Gayle

§ Call to Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the feast of life.

P: Come, let the Spirit be alive among us.

L: Let many guests come: the lame, the blind, the crippled,
and the poor; that we might honor God by honoring them.

P: We come to celebrate meeting with the Lord.

L: Together, let us renew our commitment
to the kingdom of God.

*~ Based on "Feast of Life" by Elsa Tamez in Imaging the Word: An Arts
and Lectionary Resource, Vol. 2, ed. Susan A. Blain (Cleveland, Ohio:
United Church Press, 1995), 24.*

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2268 "As We Gather at Your Table"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Pastoral Prayer

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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.

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

"Some Things Never Change" *James L. Crow*

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

§ Gospel Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Labor of Love"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power ~ Andra'e Crouch

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

*The communion bread served is gluten-free
so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Music

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #568

"Christ for the World We Sing"

§ Benediction

The beauty of this church is people,
The hope of this church is love,
The blessing of this church is faith,
The glory of this church is hospitality,
The promise of this church is peace.

Amen.

~ Wesley Taylor, Tualatin United Methodist Church, Tualatin, Oregon.

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

**We thank Ivory Cheyanne Frye & Destinee Maynard
for sharing their musical gifts with us today!**



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of Ray & Dora Cram by Sue Cram.



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!

Tickets are now on sale for our beautiful Queen-size Floral Trellis quilt. See Gail Palmer or Judy Schmitt for your tickets. Six tickets for \$5.00. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Quilters will use the proceeds for local missions, UMW District and Conference missions, as well as Court Street special designated projects. Thank you for supporting Court Street Quilters.

Remedies Renewing Lives will be speaking at the United Methodist Women (UMW) luncheon on Wednesday, September 4th, at noon in the Dining Room. Kathy Branning, MS, LCSW, will talk about the programs at Remedies, which provides critical and, often times, life-saving services to adults struggling with domestic violence and substance abuse. We invite you to join us for lunch, and to listen to Kathy Branning, as she shares about this vital agency in the Rockford community. Cost is \$7 per person. **Please RSVP to Judy Mehren, (815) 988-6561, by TODAY.**

Next Sunday, September 8th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Also next Sunday, September 8, is Rally Day, which means Sunday School starts up again! Come celebrate the start to our programming year. Meet us in the Dining Room for Sunday School Kick-off at 9 a.m.! **Students who would like their school backpack blessed should please bring your backpack to worship next Sunday.** Pastor Cal will invoke a blessing upon both students and backpacks. This is also the day to pass out 3rd grade Bibles! Don't forget the Summer Trip Meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room.

The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10th, in the Church Library. We will discuss activities for Domestic Violence Month in October and listen to a 15 minute talk on elder abuse. All are welcome to attend.

On September 14, Jeremiah Development will host a "Movie in the Park" for the neighborhood. We will be showing a special movie to commemorate the weekend as the Rockford Peaches will be honored in Rockford. This will be an evening event at Haskell Park with food provided by United Way. We would love to have volunteers to help organize the evening and assist the day of the event. If you are interested in helping plan a really fun event or can help the day of, please contact Sue Kanthak @ sue@jeremiahdevelopment.org or (815)980-6358. We will be partnering with United Way for food, fun and more!

Join us at Rock Cut Park for fun family time on Sunday, September 15, from Noon until 3:00 p.m. We will be canoeing, hanging out, and having lunch. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch for your family and come enjoy the afternoon with 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.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Jan & Ray Baker **Acolyte:** Emmanuel Bragori
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Van Driver: Tim Gorman **Facetime Hostess:** Dessie Voigt

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/01 12th Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 am **Worship & Waffles in the Dining Room**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**

Mon 09/02 CHURCH is CLOSED - Happy Labor Day!

Tue 09/03 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 the Staff Conference Room**
 5:00 **Council Choraleers in the Chapel**
 6:00 **JuBellation in the Choir Room**
 6:30 **Praise Team Rehearsal in the Dining Room**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**
 7:00 **Grace Awakening in Room 202**

Wed 09/04 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 10:30 **UMW Leadership Team in the Dining Room**
 12:00 pm **UMW Lunch & Program in Dining Room**

Thu 09/05 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 09/06 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 09/07 8:00 am **Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor**

Sun 09/08 13th Sunday after Pentecost - RALLY DAY!!
 9:00 am **Sunday School in 209 & the Dining Room**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:15 **Youth Choir in the Choir Room**
 11:30 **2020 Summer Trip Meeting in Dining Room**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON
 The **JOURNEY**

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
 and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
Luke 14:11, NRSV

WELCOME! September 1, 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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 1, 2019