

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                      Bist Du Bei Mir                      ~ J.S. Bach

### § Call to Worship

*L:* Have you heard of our great God?  
God created all that is and reigns over it all.

**P: God rules with justice and mercy.**

*L:* Have you heard of our great God?  
God is full of glory and his ways are perfect.

**P: No one can match God's wisdom and understanding.**

*L:* Have you heard of our great God?  
He knows each name and sees each person --  
God's love for us is unequalled.

**P: We belong to him and he calls us his own.**

**ALL: Come, now, and worship our great God,  
for he is worthy of all honor and glory and praise.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #103

**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

Sharing of Joys and Journeys                      *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

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

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading                      Jeremiah 18:1-11

*Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.*

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn UMH #657**

**"This Is the Day"**

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

Children's Message "We All Need a Little Help" *James L. Crow*

Giving of Bibles

*Emmanuel Bragori      Jeriel Bragori*

*Natalie Urness          Rachel Whitmore*

Blessing of Backpacks

**Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1**

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

**Reading from the Psalter, UMH #854      Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**

"You're In Good Hands!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory                      "Praise the Lord"                      ~ Handel/arr. Hopson

### § Doxology UMH #94

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #548

**"In Christ There Is No East or West"**

### § Benediction

And now the service begins. Go forth into the world in the knowledge that we are God's body, that hope for a new world is in the blood of our veins, that the struggle for justice is the beat to which our hearts respond, and that God's promise is the very stuff of which our bones are wrought. Go forth to praise the God from whom all blessings flow. **Amen.**

*~ Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds. Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1990), 244.*

Choral Response                      "Deep Peace"                      ~ Sexton

Postlude                      "A Time for New Beginnings"                      ~ Anonymous

*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



Altar Flowers are given...

...in honor of all teachers by Georgalee George.

**Rockford District United Methodist Women Fall Meeting** ~ We will meet Saturday, September 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Bethel UMC, Shannon, Illinois, for worship, for our annual business meeting, and to hear Deb Foust speak on 'Economic Inequality: How Do We Create Success for Families in Transition?' Fall Mission Project items to be collected at this meeting: toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, tissues, deodorant, head lice kits, and shampoo to be given to homeless students and their families. Cost to attend: \$12. Registration deadline is Sept. 23. See Joanne Muck for registration form/information.



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

**Don't forget the 2020 Summer Trip Meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room this morning.**

**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.

**Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) begins next Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Ages: K-18. Be a part of 'Children of Eden Jr.' Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings. Cost: \$30; scholarships are available. Performance will be Sunday, December 15th.

**Puppet & Pizza Project starts next Saturday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Practice how to effectively 'operate' puppets to enhance our worship experience and have pizza afterwards. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings. Cost: FREE. We will perform in worship service on Sunday morning every couple of months.

**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 at: 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!


**Deadline for the October Chimes is next Sunday, Sept. 15!**

**Diabetes Self Management Program** will be taught by Teresa Field (our Parish Nurse) and Sue Scott, both OSF Parish Nurses, at Holy Family starting Wednesday, September 25th, from 9:00-11:30am and every Wednesday in October, for a total of six sessions. Learn practical skills and techniques to manage your diabetes and build self-confidence. The class is a free through Lifescape. Please call Teresa at (815) 298-8138 to pre-register.

*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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**WELCOME!** September 8, 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:

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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Annette & Larry Gillette      **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team      **Video:** Steve Ripley  
**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk      **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel      **Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club

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

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

**Mon 09/09** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 5:30 pm **Worship Team in the Parlor**

**Tue 09/10** 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**  
 11:00 **Domestic Violence Subcommittee in Library**  
 2:30 pm **Staff Meeting in the Staff Conference Room**  
 5:00 **Council Choraleers in the Chapel**  
 5:30 **Trustee Team in the Library**  
 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 09/11** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**

**Thu 09/12** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**  
 10:00 **Painting in the Art Room, 204**  
 1:00 pm **The Journeymen in the Parlor**  
 2:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**  
 4:30 **Thanksgiving Team in the Library**  
 6:00 **Chatterbox Supper @ Thunder Bay, 7652 Potawatomi Trail**

**Fri 09/13** 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 09/14** 8:00 am **Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor**  
 8:30 **UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn**  
 9:00 **FAST (Fine Arts Saturday Troupe)**  
 11:00 **Puppets & Pizza in Room 302**  
 ??? pm **Jeremiah's 'Movie in Haskell Park'**


**Sun 09/15 14th Sunday after Pentecost/Chimes DEADLINE**  
 9:00 am **Sunday School in 104, Balcony West, & Narthex**  
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:15 **Youth Choir in the Choir Room**  
 12:00 pm **Family Day at Rock Cut**

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

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*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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost / RALLY DAY!  
 September 8, 2019