

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.

Ringing of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ~ J.S. Bach

§ Call to Worship

L: We have gathered in this place to worship God
and be in community with one another.

**P: Open our hearts, O God,
that we may experience your presence and spirit.**

L: We come with questions, expectations,
searching for hope and answers.

P: Open our ears, O God, that we may hear you speak to us.

L: We gather to be united in mission and ministry
to strengthen God's continued work in the world.

**P: Grant us your grace, O God, that we may be inspired
to love and serve others in your name.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Chaplain Chris Druce-Jones*
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Prayer Response FWS #2086 "Open Our Eyes"

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #810 Psalm 91

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"
The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

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

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19
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.

"Staying Focused"
Chaplain Chris Druce-Jones

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light" ~ arr. Hopson

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

§ Benediction

As we go forth from this place to serve God and our neighbor
in all that we do: May the Lord God bless and keep us; may the
Lord God, make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto
us; may the Lord God lift up his countenance upon us and grant
us peace! **Amen.**

Choral Response "Our Last Amen" ~ Keveren

Postlude "Go Forth in Triumph"


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 Chaplain Chris Druce-Jones
for leading our worship today as Pastor Cal is on vacation.**

 **Altar Flowers are given...** 
...in honor of our 3rd wedding anniversary on October 1st
by Bethany & Jason Morse.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world today, but it doesn't have to be... you can feed our neighbors here and around the world! **Join Verlette & Tim Gorman on Sunday, October 20th, for the Rockford CROP Hunger Walk.** It is a very fun, family friendly walk to raise funds and awareness. Register online at crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil. Can't walk on October 20? Sponsor our team at the same website. Every donation helps end hunger and save lives! Help us reach our goal of 12 walkers and \$1,600 raised!



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!

We will receive a special **Fifth Sunday Offering TODAY to support United Voices for Children.** We join dozens of other Northern Illinois United Methodist congregations who give generously to support our three outstanding agencies that serve at-risk children, youth and families: ChildServ, MYSI, and Rosecrance. A special envelope is in your bulletin which you may use for cash or check, payable to CSUMC with "UVC" or "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo.

Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) continues next Saturday from 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 continues next Saturday from 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.

Worship & Waffles is NEXT Sunday, October 6, 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!

Next Sunday, October 6th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and take a special offering. The World Communion Sunday Offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Our gifts empower the leaders of tomorrow. Please make your check out to 'Court St UMC' with 'World Communion' on the Memo line.

Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer will be installed as Rockford District Superintendent for the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church at Beth Eden UMC, 3201 Huffman Blvd., Rockford, on Sunday, Sept. 29, 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

If you are willing and able, please join the Domestic Violence Subcommittee on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th for the Mayor's Walk for Domestic Violence. The walk begins at 12:00 NOON from City Hall. Contact Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518 for information. The time and date published last week are incorrect.

All Church Conference reports are due online and/or in the Church Office by Monday, October 7. If you're not sure if you need to do a report, please contact the Church Office. Those committees who have online reports to submit are: SPRC, Finance, and Trustees.

Annual flu shots will be given in the parlor after the church service on **Sunday, October 13th,** from our very dedicated nurse, Karen Brown. Please remember to bring your insurance card with you.

Stay tuned: Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! is coming back as a Potluck Supper on Wednesday, October 16th, 5:15 p.m.

