

**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 "Beautiful Saviour" ~ James Kason

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Like a whisper that lures us to safety,

***People:* Strong as a shout that bids us to come,**

Leader: Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,

***People:* Like a clear bell that rings out our name,**

Leader: Your Word comes to us, Loving God.

***People:* It calls us, comforts us and urges us to depart
from evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it.**

Leader: Talking God, open our hearts to hear you

***People:* And free our voices to praise you.**

~ Larry J. Peacock, *Water Words 3* (Fall 1991)

§ Opening Hymn UMH #57, vs. 1-4

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs. 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

§ Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

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 Matthew.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Seeing God More Clearly in 2020: Jesus Why?"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "The Tree of Life"

~ arr. James Biery

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2117

"Spirit of God"

§ Benediction

People of God, be beautiful. Love well and serve all. Speak
gently and listen carefully. Let the mind of Christ be ever
guiding you so that your lives may bring glory to God.

Go now, and do the work of God. In the name of God the
Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Choral Response

"Three Fold Amen"

Postlude

"O Morning Star (Wie Schön Leuchtet)" ~ arr. Philipp Nicolai

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 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!

Though the Christmas gift-giving season has come and gone, we would still like you to keep the scrip cards in mind. Your gift card purchases allow us to return profits to support ongoing Court Street UM Church programs. Come to the Scrip table and view our complete list of cards that can be ordered.

Throughout this winter, we hope you will put gloves, socks, mittens, hats, or scarves in the donation box in the Narthex. We will donate these to the Haskell Elementary School students in need.

Today, the Lamplighters Sunday School class began its 6-week DVD series based on Max Lucado's book *How Happiness Happens*. It's not too late to join the series as all are welcome. They meet in the Library at 9:00 a.m. before worship services.

Today, we are taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Our next Holy COW! Potluck will be Wednesday, January 15, at 5:15 p.m. As always, we request you bring your own table setting, drink, and a dish to share. January's Holy COW! will feature a presentation by Stan Tunnell about the ComEd Hourly Pricing program for residential customers, so bring your electric bill and learn how you may save money on electricity.

We will host the AGO January Jubilee 2020 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 18.

The 2020 Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet is posted outside the Church Office. Sign up now to secure your favorite date to honor or memorialize a loved one, an event, or a season.

If you requested 2020 Offering Envelopes and have not picked them up, you will find them in the Narthex. Just find your name on the batches of envelopes. If you want envelopes and do not find your name, please contact the Church Office.


Start saving your money for Blanket Sunday, February 2nd.

This year's Rockford District Leadership Training will be held at Freeport: Faith UMC (1440 S. Walnut Avenue) in Freeport, IL, on Feb. 1. Staff, committee members, and congregation members are welcome to attend. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and features a morning service with Bishop Sally Dyck as guest speaker and options for two educational workshops. The RSVP deadline is January 24. Register at: <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/rockford-leadership-training-event>. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Donna Hoffman at (608) 293-0194.

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: Perky & Jay Heath **Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Dan Boon **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore **Facetime Hosts:** The Breakfast Club

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 01/12 **9:00** **Sunday School in 104, Balcony West**
 9:00 **The Lamplighters, Library**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:30 **Youth Choir**

Mon 01/13 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:30 pm **Worship Committee, Parlor**

Tue 01/14 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
 2:30 pm **Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room**
 4:00 RUM Exec. Board, JustGoods
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 5:30 **Trustees, Library**
 6:00 **JuBellation in the Sanctuary**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 01/15 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:15 pm **Holy COW! Potluck, Dining Room**
 5:30 N. IL Wood Turners, Youth Center

Thu 01/16 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
 6:30 **Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room**

Fri 01/17 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 01/18 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 8:00 AGO January Jubilee, Sanctuary, Chapel, etc.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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Forward in Faith




WELCOME! January 12, 2020
We're glad you're worshiping 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.

*Baptism of the Lord Sunday
 January 12, 2020*