

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus, you came when we were least expecting you, and you interfered: "Come, follow me," you said.

People: We thank you, Lord, for interfering in our private lives.

Leader: You never promised us a comfortable life, or success, status, or prosperity. "Leave behind your old way of life. Seek first the kingdom of God," you said.

People: We thank you, Lord, for not promising us empty rewards.

Leader: You invited us to walk alongside you and learn from you. You gave us hands and lips and hearts to reach out to others all along the way.

People: We thank you, Lord, for the essential gifts.

Leader: But just when we think we've got it; just when we think we are doing all the right things, the Holy Spirit makes us restless, prodding us to change.

All: So we thank you, Lord, for coming to us again and again, to show us your love for us and for all people.

~ Inspired by a prayer from the Iona
Community Worship Book

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2051

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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"

Anthem

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

~ *Elvey*

JuBellation

§ Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

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 John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Seeing God More Clearly in 2020: AHA! I See It Now!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Immortal, Invisible"

~ *Thiman*

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #156 **"I Love To Tell The Story"**

§ Benediction

We have been given as a light to the nations. May God's good news in Christ reach to the end of the earth! Let us be instruments of God's mercy, grace and justice, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Choral Response

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



Altar flowers given in gratitude of prayers.



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!

The Lamplighters Sunday School class continues its 6-week DVD series based on Max Lucado's book *How Happiness Happens*. It's not too late to join them; they meet in the Library at 9:00 a.m. before worship services.

Today is noisy offering. Next week, we will take a special offering for Human Relations Day. And 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.umcnc.org/calendar/rockford-leadership-training-event>. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Donna Hoffman at (608) 293-0194.

The next UMW luncheon is Wednesday, February 5. Carly Rice of Miss Carly's Place will give a special presentation at noon, with lunch served afterward. The luncheon costs \$7, and the UMW asks that you RSVP by Sunday, February 2, with Judy Mehren, (815) 988-6561.

UMW will be collecting donations to support Miss Carly's Place. **Please consider making a monetary donation or bringing an item or items from the following list or both:** bottled water, juice boxes, soft snacks, small bags of chips, socks, shoes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, baby wipes, diapers, and blankets.

On Saturday, January 4, 2020, Rockford was in the national news when a man held a woman hostage and sexually assaulted her at a local Credit Union. Since 2002, local women have filed at least 10 requests for protection against this perpetrator.

Domestic Violence is related to one-third of our city's violent crimes and one-half of our city's aggravated assaults.


As a congregation, we need to be aware that domestic violence has no barriers. It happens to the rich and the poor, the young and the old, and includes all areas of our city. Domestic Violence strikes anyone, any time, and any place.

You are welcome to attend the Domestic Violence Subcommittee meeting, which meets once monthly. **Our next meeting is Monday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.** Please keep our city, victims, and perpetrators and their families in your prayers. - *Domestic Violence Subcommittee*

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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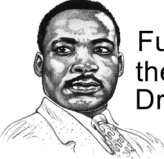
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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Alice Gillette **Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Tim Gorman **Acolyte:** Ella Anderson
Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell
Facetime Hosts: Jay & Perky Heath; Gene & Barb Ferry

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 01/19 **9:00 am** **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**
 4:00 pm **CSUMC Book Club, Diane Risley's Home**

Mon 01/20 Church Closed in Observance of  **Fulfill the Dream**
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tue 01/21 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 Staff Conference Room**
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 **JuBellation in the Sanctuary**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 01/22 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 01/23 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**
 12:00 pm Jeremiah Exec. Board in Room 209
 1:00 **The Journeymen in the Parlor**
 1:00 **Chimes Stuffing in the Library**
 6:30 **Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room**

Fri 01/24 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 01/25 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor


Sun 01/26 **9:00 am** **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**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

God
 Forward in Faith




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.

*Second Sunday After Epiphany
 January 19, 2020*

WELCOME! January 19, 2020
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 _____