

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 "Communion in D major" ~ Alexandre Guilmant

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* People of God, open the doors of your hearts this day.

**People: We open our minds and souls to the presence of the living Lord among us.**

*Leader:* Friends and neighbors in Christ, today the Lord may ask you to surrender that which you hold dear.

**People: We are ready for whatever Christ asks of us.**

*Leader:* Faithful pilgrims, may the Lord bless you with the strength to give up whatever obstructs his love, as we gather in joy and celebration this day.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys Pastoral Prayer Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #747 Psalm 15

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"

Old Testament Reading Job 1:1-12; 2:1-10  
*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.**

"Making Sense Out of Suffering: Suffering 101"  
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 "Elijah Rock" ~ Hairston

### § 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.*

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Closing Hymn UMH #711, vs. 1-4 "For All The Saints"

### § Benediction

The way is long; let us go together.

The way is difficult; let us help each other.

The way is joyful; let us share it.

The way is Christ's, for Christ is the Way; let us follow.

The way is open before us; let us go: with the love of God, the grace of Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds., *Touch Holiness*  
(New York: Pilgrim Press, 1990), 243

Choral Response "Christ Be With Me" ~ Keveren

Postlude "Grand Chorus" ~ Alexandre Guilmant

*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 by  
Bess Koehn & family in memory of  
Jim Koehn's birthday.



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 Blanket Sunday, so please throw some money in the blanket so we can help Church World Service's mission to provide warm blankets to the impoverished and survivors of natural disasters.

The next UMW luncheon is Wednesday, February 5. Carly Rice of Miss Carly's Place will give a special presentation at 12 noon, with lunch served afterward. The luncheon costs \$7, and the UMW asks that you RSVP no later than today with Judy Mehren, (815) 988-6561.

UMW is collecting donations for Miss Carly's Place. You can help by making a monetary donation or by bringing an item or items from the following list: bottled water, juice boxes, soft snacks, small bags of chips, socks, shoes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, baby wipes, diapers, and blankets.

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.

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

During the month of February, the Nurture & Outreach Committee is collecting on behalf of Remedies Renewing Lives, a local charity that assists victims of domestic violence. They would like the congregation to donate underwear for women, particularly in plus-sizes, and for children.


This year's Lenten Study will focus on Adam Hamilton's book *Unafraid*. In a world with so many cares, it's important to remember God's love and assurance. If you would like the book, please contact the church office by February 19th to reserve a copy. Each book costs \$17.

Want to show off your cooking skills? How about your talent? Then sign up for our Chili and Cheese Cabaret, February 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room. Of course, you don't have to cook or perform to enjoy this night of food and fun. To sign up to perform, contact Jack Armstrong at (815) 593-2836 or gogo234@att.net. For more info about the event and cooking contests, contact Jim Crow at jlcrow@live.com.

*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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Judy & Fred Mehren     **Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team  
**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk     **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel     **Acolyte:** Emmanuel Bragori  
**Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Facetime Hosts:** Dessie Voigt & Dustin Urness

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

**Sun 02/02**    8:00 am **Worship & Waffles, Dining Room**  
                   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 in the Choir Room**

**Mon 02/03**    8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

**Tue 02/04**    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 Choir Room**  
                   7:00    **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**  
                   7:00    Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 02/05**    8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
                   9:30    Early Head Start in Room 100  
                   10:30   **UMW Leadership Team, Dining Room**  
                   12:00 pm **UMW Luncheon, Dining Room**

**Thu 02/06**    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**  
                   5:30    **Jeremiah Dev. Annual Meeting, Mendelssohn**  
                   6:30    **Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room**

**Fri 02/07**    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 02/08**    8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor  
                   8:30    **UMM Breakfast, Stockholm Inn**

**Sun 02/09**    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**  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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*Forward in Faith*  


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Have you considered my servant Job? ... a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.  
 Job 2:3, NRSV

**WELCOME!** February 2, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about Court Street? \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

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Name _____	age _____	grade _____
Name _____	age _____	grade _____

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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.

*Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
 February 2, 2020*