

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 "Meditation Religiuse"

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* When we are afraid,

**People:** May we sense our risen Lord ever near.

*Leader:* When we feel alone,

**People:** May we sense our risen Lord always present.

*Leader:* When we cry out, "Where is our God?"

**People:** May we sense our risen Lord close by our side.

*Leader:* When we feel the world in turmoil,

**People:** May we feel our risen Lord calming our lives.

*Leader:* When we feel at a loss,

**People:** May our risen Lord fill us with courage.

**All:** May we give thanks for God's many blessings. Fill us now with thanks and praise as we rejoice in song.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

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

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #833

Psalm 112

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 19:1-6, 13-17, 21-27

*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: Debating the Damage"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Joshua"

*~ arr. Ruth Artman*

Youth Choir & Jack Armstrong

### § Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Closing Hymn UMH #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

### § Benediction

You are heirs of God, members of Christ's body and sharers in the promises of the gospel. Go now into the world, full of the boundless riches of Christ, and reveal to all people the magnificent mystery of God's plan for creation.

Postlude

"Come Ye that Love the Lord (Rejoice Ye Pure at Heart)"

*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 Georgalee George  
for St. Valentine's Day.**

**"Happy Valentine's Day!"**



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, 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.

**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 tomorrow, 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 so that we may order for everyone on the 20th. Each book costs \$17; payment due at time of pickup.

**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.

**"Fat" or Shrove Tuesday falls on February 25th this year.** If you would like a yummy plate of pancakes trimmed with sausage and bacon, attend our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The event starts at 4:30 p.m. and runs to 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. Free-will donations welcomed. Can't attend? Consider donating supplies.

**There will be two Ash Wednesday services, February 26, both held in the Chapel.** The first starts at 12 noon and the second at 6 p.m.

*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**

**Greeter:** Donna Dow                      **Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team  
**Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell              **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
**Van Driver:** Dan Boon                  **Acolyte:** Kaylee Bulliner  
**Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell              **Facetime Hosts:** The Breakfast Club

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

**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**  
                   11:30   **Youth Choir in the Choir Room**

**Mon 02/10**   8:30 am **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**  
                   10:00   **Methodist Monday, Chapel Narthex**  
                   10:30   **Domestic Violence Subcommittee, Library**  
                   11:30   **Nurture & Outreach, Dining Room**  
                   5:30 pm **Worship Committee**

**Tue 02/11**    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, JustGoods**  
                   5:00    **Council Choraleers in the Chapel**  
                   5:30    **Trustees, Library**  
                   6:00    **JuBellation in the Choir Room**  
                   7:00    **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**  
                   7:00    **Grace Awakening in Room 202**

**Wed 02/12**   8:30 am **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**  
                   9:30    **Early Head Start in Room 100**

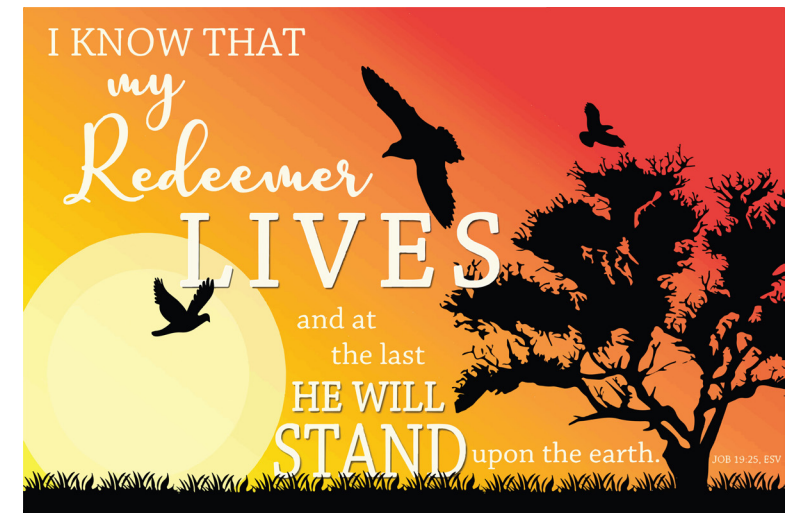
**Thu 02/13**    8:30 am **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**  
                   9:30    **Early Head Start in Room 100**  
                   10:00   **Painting in the Art Room 204**  
                   1:00 pm **The Journeymen in the Parlor**  
                   2:30    **Early Head Start in Room 100**  
                   5:30    **Jeremiah Board Meeting**  
                   6:00    **Chatterbox Supper Group, Olive Garden**  
                   6:30    **Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room**

**Fri 02/14**    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 02/15**    8:00 am **Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor**  
                   8:00    **No. IL Wood Turners "Turnathon" in the Youth Center**

**Sun 02/16**    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 in the Choir Room**  
                   4:00 pm **CSUMC Book Club, Jan Mace's**

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



February 9, 2020

**WELCOME!**  
*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 \_\_\_\_\_

*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.

*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
 February 9, 2020*