

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 "Bach Pastorale" ~ arr. Barbara Kinyon
JuBellation Bell Choir

§ Call to Worship

Leader: You alone, O Lord, laid the foundations of the earth to the joy of the heavenly hosts.

***People:* Grant us the grace of submission, O Lord.**

Leader: You alone call forth the clouds. You alone send the rains. You alone can open the floodgates.

***People:* Grant us the grace of belief, O Lord.**

Leader: You alone, O Lord, send the lightning hither and yon.

***People:* Grant us the grace of wonder, O Lord.**

Leader: You grant wisdom and give understanding. You move the clouds.

***People:* Grant us the grace of insight, O Lord.**

***All:* We repent of our shortsighted judgments of you, Lord. We repent of our vain and overblown estimations of our own understanding. We repent of our mistrust of you. Please forgive us. Please forgive us, O Lord.**

— Based on Job 38

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

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 #840 Psalm 119:1-8

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 38:1-21
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: God Speaks in the Storm"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Wondrous Love" ~ arr. Wayland Rogers
Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Closing Hymn UMH #430

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

§ Benediction

Leader: Go now and live by faith. Patiently trust in God's promised future; live by God's teachings, and let your love for one another increase. And may God give you grace and peace; May Christ Jesus make you worthy of his call; and may the Holy Spirit fulfill in you every good resolve and work of faith.

***People:* We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

— © 2004 Nathan Nettleton, inspired by 2 Thessalonians 1:14-, 11-12, and posted on LaughingBird.net.

Choral Response "Christ Be With Me" ~ *Keveren*

Postlude "Dundee (God Moves in Mysterious Ways)"
~ *Stephen Gabrielsen*

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 Bert Cromwell
for prayers answered.**



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!

Grab your loose change because today is Noisy Offering.

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*. 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.

Sunday, March 1st, we will hold 10:00 a.m. worship in the Chapel.

Angel Tree Ministry Thank You

Thanks to ALL of you for your financial support, for purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children, and for your prayers. Because of your generosity, gifts were purchased for 66 children from 14 families in our church neighborhood and in the nearby area. Each child received two gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent. In addition, extra funds were left over to provide \$25 to \$75 in grocery gift cards to each family based upon size of family or need. Thanks also to those of you who helped organize and deliver the gifts to the families. May God bless you all, for it is in giving that we are richly blessed. We ask that you continue to pray for the incarcerated parents and their families.


This year we had some unusually large households, where a caregiver was taking care of from 4 to 12 children and/or grandchildren. Quite a challenge and strain on a grandparent or caregiver, so gift cards were well received and appreciated. Religious pamphlets, Christmas cards from Court Street United Methodist Church, and December services dates were also delivered to the families.

- Barb and Gene Ferry

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 & Facetime Hosts: Ray & Margaret Rhoads
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman
Acolyte: Hannah Whitmore **Liturgist:** Randiann King

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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

Mon 02/17 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 4:30 pm Finance Committee, Library
 5:00 Administrative Council, Dining Room

Tue 02/18 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 02/19 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Deborah Circle, Wesley Willows
 11:30 Dorcas Circle, Tavern on Clark
 5:30 pm Northern IL Wood Turners, Youth Center

Thu 02/20 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
 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room

Fri 02/21 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
 4:30 Chili & Cheese Cabaret, Dining Room

Sat 02/22 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 11:00 LOLTOS Concert, Sanctuary

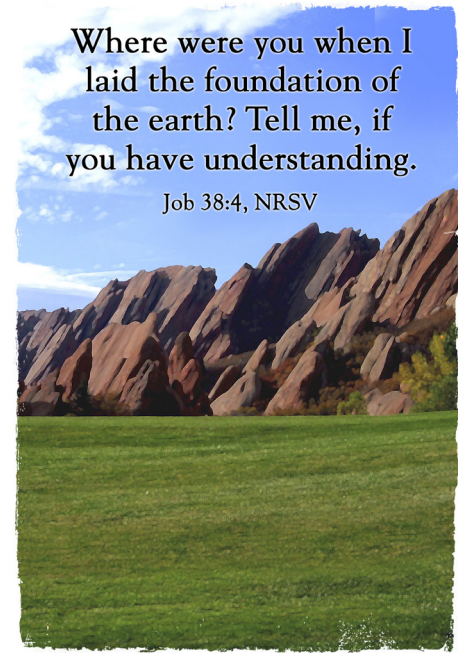
Sun 02/23 9:00 am Sunday School in 104, Balcony West
 9:00 The Lamplighters, Library
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Youth Choir in the Choir Room

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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Forward in Faith



Growing

WELCOME! February 16, 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 _____

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.

*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
 February 16, 2020*