

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 "Blest are They" ~ Charles L. Lenz

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved."

People: Let us worship you, O beloved God.

Leader: God said, "Listen!"

People: We want to hear your word anew this day.

Leader: God said, "Do not be afraid."

People: We lay our worries at your feet.

Leader: And after all this was spoken, God was quiet.

People: Still our souls, quiet our minds, and prepare us to be transformed, holy God.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #731

"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"

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 #819

Psalm 99

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 42:1-17

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: Repentance & Restoration"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Turn Back O Man"

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§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Closing Hymn UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

§ Benediction

The good news of God's love is not just a message for the mountaintop. It is a glorious charge and a holy calling. As we leave this house of worship, may we be transfigured ourselves, radiant, refreshed for God's mission. Let us depart with fervent hope and renewed energy. Let our lives be witnesses to the gospel; let God's Spirit emanate from each of us!

Choral Response

"The Lord Bless You And Keep You" ~ Lutkin

Postlude

"Prelude on St. Catherine (Faith of Our Fathers)"

~ Gordon Young

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 Tim & Verlette Gorman in honor of Verlette's sister, Glenys Ostic-Reyes, birthday February 23rd.



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!

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 week is "Fat" or Shrove Tuesday, so 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.

The Worship Committee has decided we are "giving up" the beauty and grandeur of the Sanctuary for the First Sunday of Lent. Please join us next Sunday, March 1st, for 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Chapel. Facetime will be held in the Chapel Narthex after the service. Services will resume in the Sanctuary the following week.

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. So consider giving up worry, giving up fear for Lent this year. The study begins Sunday, March 1st, at 11:30 a.m. in the Library.

Starting March 1st, the Lamplighters adult Sunday school will also cover the 6-week Lenten Study video series *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton. They meet at 9:00 in the Library before services. All are welcome.

Lenten Offering Folders are now available. Practice self-denial by setting aside \$.25 every day for the 40 days of Lent, a \$10 donation in coins. Find them in the white basket in the Narthex or request one at the church office.

Mid-week Lenten Worship Services begin March 4th at 12 noon in the Chapel. Join us every Wednesday in March and April 1st and 8th for services. Lunch will be offered on the Lower Level in the Dining Room for a free-will donation following each service.

Angel Tree Ministry thanks 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 the nearby area. In addition, extra funds were left over to provide \$25 to \$75 in grocery gift cards based upon size of family or need. Thanks also to those who helped organize and deliver the gifts. 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.

- 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

Greeter: Nancy Doran	Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
Sound Tech: Tim Welk	Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Jeff Mann	Acolyte: Carter Anderson
Liturgist: Randiann King	Facetime Hostess: Sue Cram

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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**

Mon 02/24 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 02/25 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**
 4:30 **Shrove Tue. Pancake Supper, Dining Room**
 5:00 **Council Choraleers in the Chapel**
 6:00 **JuBellation in the Balcony**
 6:15 **Knitting Group, Jan Mace's**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**
 7:00 **Grace Awakening in Room 202**

Wed 02/26 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 12:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Chapel**
 6:00 **Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Chapel**

Thu 02/27 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, Room 209**
 1:00 **The Journeymen in the Parlor**
 1:00 **Chimes Stuffing, Library**
 2:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 6:30 **Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room**

Fri 02/28 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 02/29 8:00 am **Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor**
 8:00 **No. IL WoodTurners 'Turnathon,' Youth Center**

Sun 03/01 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 Chapel**
 11:15 **Facetime in the Chapel Narthex**
 11:30 **Youth Choir in the Choir Room**
 11:30 **Lenten Study in the Library**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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Forward in Faith

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The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning ...

Job 42:12, ESV



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.

*Transfiguration Sunday
 February 23, 2020*

WELCOME!

February 23, 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 _____