

**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 "Prelude on "St. Flavian"" ~ Michael Joseph

The Service of Diminishing Lights

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* We come, God of unfailing love, to confess to you our sin and disobedience.

**People:** In faith and trust, we also confess that you are indeed our eternal hiding place.

*Leader:* We come, God of our security and peace, to confess to you our willful defiance.

**People:** In hope and expectation, we also confess that you are our Guide and Advisor.

*Leader:* We come, God of compassion and mercy, to confess to you our selfish desires and self-centeredness, asking that through your generous grace, you will bless us.

**People:** In the confident assurance of God's protective love and mercy towards repentant sinners, today we claim the joy that God gifts to us, knowing that we are blessed. Amen.

—Joan Stott, thetimelesspsalms.net

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

Sharing of Joys and Journeys  
Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
*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.

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"**

New Testament Reading Romans 5:12-19  
*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.

**"God's Free Gift"**

*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

**"Come To The Water"**

### **§ Doxology UMH #95**

**"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 #377**

**"It Is Well with My Soul"**

### **§ Benediction**

Open the eyes and ears of our understanding, O God, to your presence, that we may enter into the fullness of life as creatures of yours, destined to some purpose, great or small, in the world. Send us out from this place sobered by the thought of you and encouraged by the knowledge that you are ever by our side, to help us and to give us the strength to do the things that you have asked us to do. Amen.

-Theodore Parker Ferris, Book of Prayer for Everyman  
(Greenwich, Conn: Seabury Press, 1962), 69

Choral Response

**"Dismiss Us From This Place"**

Postlude

**"You Are Mine"**

~ Marianne Kim

*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 in the Chapel Narthex**



**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 months of March and April, the Nurture & Outreach Committee is collecting outdoor equipment on behalf of Haskell Elementary.** They would like the congregation to consider donating items such as sidewalk chalk, balls, bubbles, and frisbees.

**Facetime will be held in the Chapel Narthex after today's service.** Sunday services will resume in the Sanctuary next week.

**This year's Lenten Study will focus on Adam Hamilton's book *Unafraid*.** If you did not join the Lamplighters session at 9 a.m. today, you may join the session that begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Library.

**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.

**Next Sunday 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.

**Parish Nurse Teresa Field will provide blood pressure checks before and after services on Sunday, March 8th.**

**Daylight Saving Time begins March 8th, so remember to turn your clocks ahead next weekend.**

**The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet in the church Library on Monday, March 9th at 11:00 A.M.** Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Barb Ferry at (815) 965-6518 for more info.

**On March 15th a speaker from Royal Family Kids Camp will present during Sunday's service.** Royal Family provides memorable camp experiences like rock climbing and zip lining to foster children who have known abuse and neglect.

**On April 1st UMW will hold their April Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room following the Lenten Worship Service.** Deanna Lacny of Rock House Kids is scheduled to speak.


**Mark your calendars for a fun Court Street UMC Bowling afternoon on April 19th, 12:30 - 3 p.m., at Don Carter Lanes.** You can also bring friends. If you don't bowl, come buy lunch and watch others perform on the lanes. Bowling is \$10.50. You will be able to sign up in the Narthex soon and pick whom you wish to bowl with that day.

- Thanks, Nurture Committee

*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

<b>Greeters:</b> Tim Gorman	<b>Ushers:</b> The DuWayne Stanis Team
<b>Sound Tech:</b> Stan Tunnell	<b>Video Tech:</b> Steve Ripley
<b>Van Driver:</b> Dan Boon	<b>Acolyte:</b> Morgan Whitmore
<b>Liturgist:</b> Randiann King	
<b>Facetime Hosts:</b> Dessie Voigt & Dustin Urness	

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

<b>Sun 03/01</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Waffles, Dining Room</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Sunday School in 104, Balcony West</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>The Lamplighters, Library</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Worship Service in the Chapel</b>
	<b>11:15</b>	<b>Facetime in the Chapel Narthex</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Youth Choir in the Choir Room</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Lenten Study in the Library</b>
<b>Mon 03/02</b>	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
<b>Tue 03/03</b>	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Quilters in Room 206</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>History &amp; Archives in Room 201</b>
	9:00	Busy Bag Ladies in Room 205
	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room</b>
	5:00	Council Choraleers in the Chapel
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>JuBellation in the Balcony</b>
	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Chancel Choir in the Choir Room</b>
	7:00	Grace Awakening in Room 202
<b>Wed 03/04</b>	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>UMW Leadership Team</b>
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>30-Minute Worship Service</b>
	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon</b>
<b>Thu 03/05</b>	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Painting in the Art Room 204</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>The Journeymen in the Parlor</b>
	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room</b>
<b>Fri 03/06</b>	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
<b>Sat 03/07</b>	8:00 am	Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
<b>Sun 03/08</b>	<b>2:00 am</b>	<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Sunday School in 104, Balcony West</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>The Lamplighters, Library</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Worship Service in the Sanctuary</b>
	<b>11:15</b>	<b>Facetime by the Big Bell</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Youth Choir in the Choir Room</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Lenten Study in the Library</b>

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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... ONE MAN'S ACT OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
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JUSTIFICATION  
AND LIFE FOR ALL.  
  
ROMANS 5:18, NRSV

*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.

*First Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2020*

**WELCOME!** March 1, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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