

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.

The Service of Diminishing Lights

Musical Witness *arr. McChesney*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
JuBellation Bell Choir

§ Call to Worship

Call: Come and worship! In wonder and awe let us seek the face of God.

***Response:* God invites us to come just as we are.**

Call: We come longing to experience God’s embrace.

***Response:* God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.**

Call: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

***Response:* God feeds us the Bread of Life.**

Call: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

***Response:* God quenches our thirst with living water.**

Call: We come weary and worn.

***Response:* God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.**

Call: Come and worship! In wonder and awe God reveals the divine self to us.

***Response:* We come as we are and are changed by God’s love and grace.**

***All:* Give glory to God! Amen.**

§ 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 #814 **Psalm 95**

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”

§ Gospel Reading John 4:5-42
Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Could It Be?”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “There Is A Balm In Gilead” *Dawson*

§ Doxology UMH #95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Closing Hymn UMH #629, vs. 1-4

“You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

§ Benediction

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” - Jesus spoke these words to the Samaritan woman at the well. And she went back to the city and said, “Come and see!” Go forth from this place today; share the Good News. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Choral Response

“Dismiss Us From This Place” *Jones/Berman*

Postlude “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Conrad Kocher*

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



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.

This year’s Lenten Study is focusing 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, as well as the special Easter edition of *Our Daily Bread*. You can find them in baskets in the Narthex or request them at the church office.

The next Mid-week Lenten Worship Service will be held March 18th at noon in the Chapel. We will explore the Fear of the Future. Lunch will be offered on the Lower Level in the Dining Room for a free-will donation following the service.

Today is Noisy Offering, so throw your loose change in a bucket in support of Worship & Waffles, now made possible in part by a grant from the United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference, Inc.

Next week we will collect a special offering for UMCOR Sunday.

Sunday, March 29th, we will collect a 5th Sunday Appeal for Voices for Children. We will also have Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes.

Our Next Holy COW! Potluck is Wednesday, March 18th at 5:15 p.m. As always, please bring a dish to share and your own table service and drink. Published author Dustin Urness will give a special presentation at 6 p.m. He will discuss his literary journey, particularly his book *Disturbing Tales of Anguish and Horror*.


On April 1st, the 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. This luncheon will not be offered for a free-will donation, instead UMW requests you RSVP with Judy Mehren at (815) 988-6561 by Sunday, March 29th. Admission is \$7 per person. There is also a donation drive for Rock House Kids, so if you can, please donate money or one or several of the following items: warm blankets (twin/full size), fast food \$5 gift cards, Clorox wipes, Ziploc bags (gallon size), and lotion (4 - 8 oz bottles/tubes).

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.

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: Curly Thompson	Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team
Sound Tech: Tim Welk	Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Tim Gorman	Acolyte: Rachel Whitmore
Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell	Facetime Hostess: Jan Mace

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 03/15	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
	11:30	Lenten Study in the Library
	4:00 pm	CSUMC Book Club, Betty Doran's
Mon 03/16	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	4:00 pm	Finance Committee, Library
	5:00	Ad Council, Dining Room
Tue 03/17	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
	6:00	JuBellation in the Balcony
	7:00	Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
	7:00	Grace Awakening in Room 202
Wed 03/18	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	10:30	Deborah Circle, Parlor
	11:00	Stewardship Team Meeting, Library
	11:30	Dorcas Circle, GreenFire Restaurant
	12:00 pm	30-Minute Worship Service, Chapel
	12:30	Lenten Luncheon, Dining Room
	5:15	Holy COW! Potluck, Dining Room
	5:30	No. IL Wood Turners, Youth Center - CANCELLED
Thu 03/19	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 03/20	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 03/21	8:00 am	Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
Sun 03/22	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
	11:30	Lenten Study in the Library

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME! March 15, 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 _____

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.

*Third Sunday in Lent
 March 15, 2020*