



Court Street United Methodist Church  
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Sunday, May 24, 2020

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

*Ringing of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.*

Prelude "America the Beautiful" - Arr. Jason W. Krug

### Call to Worship

*Leader:* You have called us, O Lord, by name, and we are here to worship our awesome God.

***People:* We give God praise and thanks.**

*Leader:* You have given us, O Lord, the spirit of wisdom and strength.

***People:* We give God praise and thanks.**

*Leader:* You have blessed us, O Lord, and we look forward as your kingdom comes closer and closer.

Opening Hymn UMH #519

**"Lift Every Voice And Sing"**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #792

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

Hymn UMH #657

**"This Is the Day"**

Children's Message

James Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**"Trouble In My Way"**  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

“On Eagle’s Wings”  
Robert Strader, soloist

- Michael Joncas

### Heritage Sunday Recognitions

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Volunteer Recognition

Acolyte Recognition

Graduate Recognition

College  
Melissa DeLeon  
Abigail Logli

High School  
Malachi DeLeon  
Robert Heyerdahl  
Robert Strader

Middle School  
Ella Anderson  
Tegan Ludington  
Jacob Voigt

50-Year Members

Diane Lutmer

Charlene & Donald Swansbro

Larry Gillette

Congratulations to our Sunday school teachers, acolytes,  
volunteers, 50-year members, and graduates.  
Your hard work and dedication is admired and appreciated.

**Doxology UMH #94**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

**Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2282**

**“I’ll Fly Away”**

Benediction

In the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, I charge you to be witnesses at home, in your community, in this country that we all live in, and even to the ends of the Earth. And may the God of grace, who has called us, you and me, to be together and support to make us strong. May He do that and use you, mightily, to His glory. To God be the power and authority forever and ever. **Amen.**

Postlude

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

- Arr. Mary MacDonald