



Court Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday, June 7, 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

Call to Worship

Leader: God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:

***People:* We, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you; Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

Leader: May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun;

***All:* Great Creator, give us guidance, till our goals and yours are one.**

-Catherine Arnott Cameron, *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*
(Carol Stream, Ill.: Hope Publishing Co., 1967)

Opening Hymn FWS #2117

“Spirit of God”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Leader: *This is the Word of God for The People of God.*

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn UMH #657

“This Is the Day”

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

“God Said It, I Believe It!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“O What A Beautiful City”

Performed by Nathacha Kahe

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

Please partake of your own bread and grape drink
as Pastor Cal delivers The Great Thanksgiving.

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #101

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Benediction

May the God of all consolation bless you in every way and grant you hope all the days of your life.

May God restore us to health of body, mind and spirit, and grant us salvation.

May God fill your hearts with peace and lead you to eternal life.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come upon us and remain with us always.

–Eric L. Petty, *The Bride of Christ*, XVI (Winter 1992), 19

Postlude