



Court Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday, June 28, 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: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me," Jesus said.

***People:* Here, in this place, we know the welcome of God that breaks down barriers.
We will share that welcome with one another.**

Leader: "Whoever welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me."

***People:* We are here to give glory to God who is righteous and merciful. We will worship in spirit and truth.**

Leader: "Whoever gives a cup of cool water will have their reward."

***All:* Our reward is modest and profound: to know God, enjoy God, and serve God.
May our worship be a cup of cool water for our thirsty spirits!**

Opening Hymn UMH #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 13

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"

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:12-23

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

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

“Dying to Live!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“God So Loved The World”

Arr. Whitsett

Performed by Andrew Mertenich & Jack Armstrong

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #534

“Be Still, My Soul”

Benediction

You have heard Paul exhort us to be “slaves to righteousness.” It is a bondage that will set us free as we yield our bodies, minds, souls, and spirit to the transforming power of Christ. Go from this place to love and live as those wholly devoted to God – Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

Postlude