

Court Street United Methodist Church
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10 A.M. Worship Service
July 26, 2020
8th Sunday after Pentecost

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



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: What are we to say? If God is on our side, who can be against us?

***People:* God held nothing back from us, even sending Jesus, God's own Son, for us.**

Leader: Who, then, will separate us from the love of Christ?

***People:* Will trouble, or hard times, or hatred, or hunger?**

Leader: Will homelessness, or threats, or danger, or back stabbing, or any of the worst sins named in Scripture?

***People:* No! None of these things can diminish Christ's love for us.**

Leader: I am absolutely convinced that nothing — nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable — absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love.

***All:* Hallelujah! Amen.**

— Adapted from Romans 8:31-39, The Message

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 29:15-30

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

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

Children's Message

James L. Crow

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:26-39

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

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

“Bad Beginnings: Eternal Endings!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

Performed by Nancy Shindel

“You Alone”

Kim Hill

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Benediction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate you from the love of God. Go, therefore, living as those who have been redeemed by Christ’s love, reconciled to God and empowered by the Spirit to love others as Christ first loved us. Amen.

Postlude