



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

September 20, 2020

16th 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

“Siciliano”

Pergolesi

Performed by Zhanna Skrypai

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

***People:* Sing praises to God; tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God’s presence continually.

***People:* Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

Leader: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

***People:* You asked, and God brought quails, and gave you food from heaven in abundance.**

***All:* For God remembered his holy promise. Praise the Lord! Amen.**

—Adapted from Psalm 105:1-6, 40, 42

Opening Hymn UMH #731

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

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

Philippians 1:21-30

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

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

"The Amnesia Befitting Circumstance Syndrome!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

"Tambourine"

Ober

Performed by Zhanna Skrypai

Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #671

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Benediction

My friends, no matter how reluctant we might be to serve, be assured that we do not serve alone. No matter how dim we feel our light may be, know that we shine brighter because we go forth with the light of Christ. Remember that no matter where we go or what we do, we do so with the certainty that God has called us by name and we are his. Go forth, therefore, in the love, grace and peace of God through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

"Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

arr. James C. Kasen