



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude

“Reflection”

Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship

Leader: Invisible God, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook.

***People:* Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch.**

Leader: Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears.

***People:* Teach us to know you for what you really are - not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, bathing the soul and the skin.**

***All:* Amen.**

—Ruth C. Ducks and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds., *Touch Holiness*
(New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1990) 178

Opening Hymn UMH #154, vs. 1-3

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

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 2:1-13

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

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

“Observing the Obvious!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“Because He Lives”

Performed by Lanna Raley, Sue Wenger, and Rob Wandell

Accompanied by Cheryl Lemke

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #261, vs. 1-3

“Lord of the Dance”

Benediction

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain in you always. Amen.

–The Promise of His Glory: Services and Prayers ... commended by the House of Bishops of the General Synod of the Church of England (London: Mowbray, 1991), 222

Postlude

“Lord of the Dance”

Sydney Carter



***Just a
Reminder...***

- The CROP Walk is virtual this year. When you register, order your free t-shirt by emailing Verlette Gorman at churchadmin1@courtstreetumc.org. Ask for your size from s, m, l, xl, xxl.
- Angel Tree is also virtual. We will need to finalize our commitment to the program by November 23rd (tentative date), so please contact Gene and Barb Ferry at (815) 965-6518 to learn how you can help.
- We are updating the directory. Please email your contact info for verification to communications@courtstreetumc.org.