



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

October 18, 2020

20th 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

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. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, 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 #453

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

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

“Seeking A Sign!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“The Blood-Bought Church”

Nancy Harmon

Performed by Krysta Tilges and Andrew Mertzenich

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #703

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Benediction

Be forever blessed,
Forever loved,
Forever cradled in God’s arms,
Forever called by name.
Go, knowing God’s grace,
Sharing God’s peace,
Living God’s justice,
Bearing God’s blessing to all. Amen!

Postlude



***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.
- Please submit the names and, if you wish to include them, photos of your loved ones for the All Saints’ Day memorial list by Tuesday, October 27th.