



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

October 25, 2020

21<sup>st</sup> 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

The Church's One Foundation

*arr. Stephen Scott*

### Call to Worship

*Leader:* The Lord, our God, has entered into a covenant with all generations.

***People:* Before all people, God will do wonders never before seen.**

*Leader:* For the Spirit is bestowed upon all, irrespective of gender, age or rank.

***People:* We celebrate the old as well as the young.**

*Leader:* Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?  
(Job 12:12)

***People:* To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are in the heavens.**

***All:* We celebrate the age and wisdom in the church mindful always that herein lies our strength--through the legacy of those saints who've gone before us.**

—Adapted from Gary F. Dickson, Troy Conference Commission on Archives and History,  
1996 Heritage Sunday Prayer

Opening Hymn UMH #399

**“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

*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 2:1-8

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

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

**“LISTEN, TRUST, AND OBEY!”**

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Musical Witness

Performed by Brandon Williams

Doxology UMH #94

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #672

**“God Be with You till We Meet Again”**

Benediction

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

And Love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us go out from this place and serve the world — set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, committed to live in the love of God, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

The Phantom of the Opera

*Andrew Lloyd Webber*



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

- The CROP Walk is virtual this year. To donate, please visit our CROP Walk page on the CROP website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil/Team/View/135879/Court-Street-UMC>.
- Angel Tree is also virtual. Please contact Gene and Barb Ferry at (815) 965-6518 to learn more or send check donations to CSUMC with Angel Tree in the memo.
- 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 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Curbside drop-off for Midwest Mission’s hurricane relief donations available at CSUMC on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to Noon.
- Royal Family Kids Camp Clothing Drive donations accepted through November 1st. Contact Joanne Muck at (815) 494-9189 to arrange pick-up or the church office to arrange drop-off.