



Court Street United Methodist Church

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10 A.M. Worship Service

November 8, 2020

23<sup>rd</sup> 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:* In times of trouble and distress, God is always present with us.

***People:* When we call out, God hears us.**

*Leader:* The name of the Lord brings comfort to heavy hearts.

***People:* In God's name alone do we put our trust.**

*Leader:* The Lord will help those who seek God.

***People:* God will answer the prayers of the people.**

*Leader:* Some take pride in their might and accomplishments.

***People:* We will boast in God alone.**

*Leader:* We rise and stand on the righteousness of God.

***All:* Let us worship God who is faithful, merciful and just!**

—Based on Psalm 20

Opening Hymn UMH #704

“Steal Away to Jesus”

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

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

Hymn UMH #657

“This Is the Day”

Children's Message

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs. 1

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 78:1-7

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

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

“Good Grief Relief”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #720

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Choral Benediction

“Christ Be with Me”

Postlude

We are collecting a special offering today for our Apportionment.



Altar flowers given by Fred & Judy Mehren in loving memory of Sherry Blascoe’s birthday, Nov. 8, and in memory of Trafari, Fred’s gift of life donor.



- This year’s Bishop’s Appeal is for the Global Mission Secondary School in Tanzania. The Northern IL Conference will be held virtually on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Wed. (Nov. 25) & Thur. (Nov. 26). Contact Bert Cromwell at (815) 721-4605.
- The Thanksgiving Committee is seeking donations for 4 oz. prepackaged applesauce containers (needed by Nov. 20); commercially baked pies (drop-off on Nov. 24 & 25); and cash for other expenses.
- To donate to the Crop Walk, please visit our page on the CROP website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil/Team/View/135879/Court-Street-UMC>.
- Angel Tree is 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.
- Poinsettia and UMW Wreath orders are due by Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Orders will be available on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Chapel Narthex. Delivery is available; schedule at time of order.
- Please submit your handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center by noon of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.