

Therefore encourage
ONE ANOTHER AND
build one another up ...
1 Thessalonians 5:11, ESV



Court Street United Methodist Church

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10 A.M. Worship Service

November 15, 2020

24th 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

Call to Worship

Call: When the world seems lost and out of control,

***Response:* We know we can trust you.**

Call: When confusion and chaos surround us,

***Response:* We know we can trust you.**

Call: When tomorrow is uncertain,

***Response:* We know we can trust you.**

Call: There is nothing outside of your reach.

***Response:* We know we can trust you.**

Call: You hold the sun, the moon and stars in the sky.

***Response:* We know we can trust you.**

Call: You have given us life and breath.

***All:* We know we can trust you. We will trust you. Amen.**

Opening Hymn UMH #103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 123

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 5:1-11

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

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

“Focused and Faithful!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“Victory Comes”

Written & Performed by Brandon Williams

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #301. vs. 1-3

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Benediction

God calls us to be watchful and alert, to stay awake and to hold high the light of Jesus Christ so that all may be drawn to him. Go, therefore, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to be a beacon of light and hope to your world this week. Amen.

Postlude



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.



- Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Wed. (Nov. 25) & Thur. (Nov. 26). Contact Bert Cromwell at (815) 721-4605.
- 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 Wreath orders are due by Monday, Nov. 23rd. Orders will be available on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Chapel Narthex.
- Please submit your handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center by noon of Nov. 30th.