



Court Street United Methodist Church
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10 A.M. Worship Service
November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent

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

One: Something stirs deep within us ...

***All:* A longing, a hope,**

One: A thirst for joy,

***All:* A hunger for peace,**

One: A yearning for blessing.

***All:* We know deep within**

One: That our hopes and fears

***All:* Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.**

One: It is Advent ...

***All:* Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.**

One: Advent ...

***All:* Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Opening Hymn UMH #101

“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

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”

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

“I Want To Be Ready!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Performed by Jack Armstrong

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #57, vs. 1-4

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Benediction

Nothing is impossible with God. Nothing is impossible. Depart in peace, spread the story of Christmas in all you do and say. Nothing is impossible with God. May the blessings of God our Creator, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

Postlude

Today we are collecting a special offering for UM Student Sunday
and for United Voices for Children – 5th Sunday Appeal.



- Thanks to everyone who has submitted a pledge card. If you have not, please do so by December 15th.
- Angel Tree is virtual this year. 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.
- To donate to the Crop Walk, please visit our page on the CROP website at <https://www.crop-phungerwalk.org/rockfordil/Team/View/135879/Court-Street-UMC>.
- Poinsettia and Wreath orders will be available on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Chapel Narthex (delivery available at time of order). Please submit separate checks for poinsettia and wreath orders.
- Please submit your handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center by noon tomorrow, Nov. 30th.