

**Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.**

**Thank you.**

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

*If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.*

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude Prayer of Saint Gregory ~ *Hovhaness*

§ **Call to Worship (from 2 Cor. 5: 17-18)**

*LEADER:* Grace and peace to this congregation from Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE: And also to you.**

*LEADER:* If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**PEOPLE: All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

**ALL: We affirm this promise as believers in Christ. Amen.**

§ **Opening Hymn (FWS) #2128**

**“Come and Find the Quiet Center”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer, #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

First Scripture Reading Genesis 2:1-3

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (FWS) #2129

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

The Young Church Gathers to Worship

*James L. Crow*

Hymn (FWS) #2026

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

*Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Mr. Jim;*

*younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Rianne.*

Second Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 4:1-11

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

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

Sermon Series: Sabbath (#1 of 2)

“Keeping Sabbath Time”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response # 420

**“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

Offering Our gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Allegro” from Sonata No. 1 in C ~ *Tommaso Albinoni*

§ **Doxology #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth # 124**

**“Seek the Lord”  
(to tune BEECHER)**

§ Benediction

May we give thanks for the Sabbath day. May we be grateful for its many blessings: for peace and joy, rest for the body, and refreshment for the soul. May something of its meaning and message remain with us as we enter the new week, lifting all that we do to a higher plane of holiness, and inspiring us to work with a new heart. **Amen.**

*-Gates of Prayer (New York: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1975), 634.*

Postlude

Andante et Allegro ~ *J. Guy-Ropartz*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

**We thank Mark Nelson, trumpet,  
for sharing his musical gifts with us today!**



Altar Flowers are given...

..in memory of Clarence Johnson’s death on August 8

by Sara, Brian, Martha, & Ann Johnson.

..in memory of Cynthia Dienhart who passed away August 23, 2011

by Gary Dienhart.



**Come see the All-Star Church League Softball Game** ~ On Tuesday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m., you will get to see the best 4 softball players of Court Street and other churches play a game at Wantz Park, 602 E. Riverside, Loves Park, IL. Last game of the season!



**We welcome you, member or visitor,** as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

**What do you see?** As you sit in our beautiful sanctuary, you will notice many symbolic elements. This month, you’ll learn more about the beautiful stained glass windows in our Sanctuary. The northwest window shows the Ascension of Jesus in the lower left window and the Resurrection on top. On the lower right side is Pentecost and above that we see Jesus the King.

**Today we will be taking a special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing.** One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world. Please make your check out to Court Street UMC with “One Great Hour” marked in the memo and use the enclosed envelope.

**All are welcome to come to the final session of THE STORY study in the parlor after worship today.** Grab a cup of coffee and join us as we discuss “The End of Time,” which will give us insight to how God’s story ends...and how eternity begins.

**Our Praise Band will be performing at Cherry Valley Days today from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Plan now to attend and support our Praise Band!

**Methodist Monday reminder:** *August 26 ????????*

**All adults, member or non-member,** are welcome in Room 209 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 1st, for Sunday School. Workers in the food industry often receive low wages and few benefits for their labor. How does our faith guide us as we seek justice for workers who help provide the food we eat? Come and join in the discussion.

**Please note that scrip for Woodman’s will not be available for another week at least.** We are sorry for the inconvenience.

**An opportunity to serve** ~ We are in need of more volunteers! Anyone interested in being an usher during our Sunday worship service is welcome to contact the church office for more information. This is a vital service to our congregation and helps our worship run smoothly.

**We are getting ready to study the Bible all the way through again** and urge anyone who is interested in learning more about the heart of God’s story and His desire for a relationship with each one of us to consider participating in this group which will begin Sunday, September 15th, Rally Day. Please see Lorelle in the narthex if you would like to peruse and/or purchase the book(s).

**The church is closed Monday, September 2nd, for Labor Day.**

**Plan to attend the 4-Church Worship service on Sunday, September 8, 10:00 a.m., in Court Street’s sanctuary as we worship with our neighbors, 2nd Con./1st Pres., Shalom, and Emmanuel Episcopal.**

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Verlette Gorman      **Liturgist:** Kathy Welk  
**Ushers:** The Sandra Gregory Team      **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman      **Fellowship Hostess:** Geri Ryan

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

**Today 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**08/25** 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
 11:30 THE STORY Study in the Parlor  
**2:30 pm Praise Band at Cherry Valley Days**

**Mon 08/26 Methodist Monday**

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 5:00 SPRC in Room 209  
 6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205

**Tue 08/27** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 Quilters in Room 206  
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201  
 9:00 "Busy Bag Ladies" in Room 205  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room  
**6:00 All-Star Softball Game at Wantz Park**  
 6:15 Knitting Group at 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209

**Wed 08/28** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 12:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

**Thu 08/29** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

**Fri 08/30** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203

**Sat 08/31**

**Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**09/01** 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
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Steven Rogers	<i>Custodian</i>

**Communion Special offering** - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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**WELCOME!**

August 25, 2013

*We're glad you're worshipping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.*

- I'm a visitor.*
- Please note my address change.*

Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Court Street? \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.  
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



*Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church*



We are a people called United Methodists.  
 Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 August 25, 2013*