

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 Toccata in C –Dur, BWV 564 ~ *J.S.Bach*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Whether we are young or old, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or full of faith, whether we come with joy or sorrow,**

*Leader:* In this place, we are a community bound together because of what Jesus did for us at the cross.

*People:* **In this place, we are the church gathered to worship and be empowered by God's Spirit.**

*All:* All are welcome in this place.

### § Opening Hymn #75 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Affirmation #887

Romans 8:35, 37-39

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

§ First Scripture Reading Luke 14:12-14

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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. Rynanne.

Second Scripture Lesson Acts 10:32-38

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

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

Anthem - Chancel Choir, piano “The Colors of Your Grace”

Sermon “The Blessing of Giving” *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response (FWS) #2230

“Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing”

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

Trio ~ *Krebs*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #436 “The Voice of God is Calling”

§ Benediction

My friends, our time of worship is over and the work of worship is just beginning.

The week before you, you will never have again.

Use your time wisely then

to bring the love, grace and peace of God

to each person you meet in the days ahead. Amen.

Postlude Toccata from Suite Gothique Op.25 ~ *Boëllmann*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Jea Yi, organ,  
and Megan Thomas, choir director,  
for sharing their musical gifts with us today  
while Julia is on vacation.



Altar Flowers are given...  
...in memory of Clarence Johnson's birthday, October 9,  
by Sara, Brian, Martha, and Ann Johnson.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARD NEXT SUNDAY  
along with canned goods you wish to donate.**

**Will you give Jeremiah Development 2 hours of your time to help close Jeremiah's Community Garden?** It is now time to harvest the remaining produce, clear the beds, and prepare for winter, yet anticipating our next planting season. Please calendar Jeremiah Development in for Saturday, 10/26. The fun begins at 9 AM. As we say, “Come when you can, leave when you must.” Thank you!!



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 we'll study the Narthex windows. The 2nd window from the east features a ship which bears all men alike over a stormy sea toward a single destination, indicating the ecumenical nature of the church. It is followed by another window with a Biblical reference to Christ as the light of the world.

**“Not a Fan” study is today at 11:15 in the parlor and THE STORY study is today at 11:45 in the Library.**

**Rockford CROP Hunger Walk is today!** Walkers will register at The River Front Museum Park starting at 1 pm. The 1 and 4 mile walks start at 2 pm. Have you sponsored a Walker yet? Walkers who have raised \$200 have earned another \$100 for themselves and our congregation. Those who raised \$100 dollars or more will receive a free CROP 870 MILLION t-shirt at today's Walk. Every \$250 Walker will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to a variety of restaurants and other facilities.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - October 23**

**5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

• Ministry in the Dining Room

*Pumpkin Crafts*

• Kids' Choir with Mr. Jim in the Dining Room

• Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

• Mats for the Homeless in Room 4 across from the Dining Room

**6:15 - 6:45 p.m.**

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room

\$2.50 per person/\$10 max per family



**CSUMC Book Club is meeting TODAY (really) at 4:00 p.m. to discuss “Still Alice.”** All are welcome at Jan Mace's, 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.

**Our youth will be joining 2nd Con./1st Pres. for their annual Trunk or Treat.** We need volunteers to park and decorate their cars in their parking lot on Sunday, October 27th, at 3:30. It will run from 4 to 5:30 pm. Or you may donate bags of peanut/tree nut-free, fun-size candy; please see Ana Kelsey-Powell for more information.

**Reserve your place for the Fireside Christmas event on Saturday, November 23rd.** We will carpool from church, leaving at 9 am, arrive at the Fireside about 10:30 am, dine at 11:15 am, and see the matinee at 1:30 pm. Pay \$62.95 to Jan Marlow in the narthex to reserve a place.

**Consecration Sunday Potluck ~ Bring a dish to share next Sunday, October 27,** so we can celebrate God's bounty and gifts to us with a potluck lunch in the dining room following the worship service. Beverages and table service will be provided.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Dale & Johanna Norris      **Liturgist:** Karen Brown  
**Ushers:** The Doran/Stanis Team      **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Judy Mehren & Geri Ryan

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

Today 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**10/20** 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center  
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary**  
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
11:15 "Not a Fan" Study in the Parlor  
11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East  
11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library  
1:00 pm CROP Walk registration at Riverfront Museum Park  
**4:00 CSUMC Book Club at 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**  
**Mon 10/21** 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  
6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205  
6:30 Safe Sanctuaries Committee in Parlor  
**Tue 10/22** 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  
5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room  
6:15 Knitting Group at Jan Mace's, 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209  
**Wed 10/23** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
9:30 Head Start CPR in the Parlor  
12:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements**  
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor  
**Thu 10/24** 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 Chimes stuffing in the Library  
1:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**6:00 JFON training in the Dining Room**  
**Fri 10/25** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
10:00 Mendelssohn Student Outreach in the Sanctuary  
**Sat 10/26 4:30 pm Fall Family Festival in the Dining Room**  
**Sunday 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Consecration Sunday**  
**10/27** 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center  
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**11:30 Consecration Potluck in the Dining Room**  
**1:30 pm JFON on the 2nd Floor**

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	Ministers
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**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!

October 20, 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



Generous  
Living

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.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2013