

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* God calls the church to pray.

**Women:** Prayer opens our hearts to God.

**Men:** Prayer ushers us into God's presence.

*Leader:* God calls the church to pray.

**Women:** Prayer reminds us of our weakness.

**Men:** Prayer connects us to God's strength.

**Leader:** God calls the church to pray.

**Women:** Prayer reminds us who our source is.

**Men:** Prayer invites us to humility and obedience.

**All:** With one voice and heart, we lift our prayers to God!

### § Opening Hymn # 116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 44:1-5

*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"

Children's Message

Hymn (FWS) #2072, refrain "Amen, Amen"

*Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey;  
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.*

§ Second Scripture Lesson Luke 11:1-13

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

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

Sermon Series: Treasures of the Transformed Life

#2 - Drawing Water

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response # 526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ Doxology #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth # 496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

§ Benediction

You are people of prayer. Go from this place as God's holy and beloved children, sure that your prayers are always heard and answered according to the eternal plans and purposes of God.

**Amen.**

Postlude

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Cheryl Lemke and Jared Slothower  
for sharing their musical gifts  
with us this morning.



*Chancel Flowers are given...*

...in memory of Terry Hangartner  
by Darlene Dienhart.



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

Calling all 5th - 12th graders! ! Immediately after worship come & help with our fundraiser. Then on Sunday, March 23rd, meet at 11:30 for Movie Day! Questions? See Ana.

Don't forget to pick up your order from the first-ever **St. Patrick's Day Youth Ministry Fundraiser!** Thank you for your continued support!

Do a daily devotion using the book "Return to Me", available in the Narthex or the Church Office for only \$2. Based on the cantata of the same name that the Chancel Choir is presenting on Palm Sunday, it is designed to help us on our Lenten journey.

CSUMC Book Club meets today, 4:00 p.m., at Betty Doran's, 4134 Tumbleweed Trail, Loves Park. All are welcome as we discuss Willa Cather's "Death Comes for the Archbishop."

"The Painting Table" continues Tuesday, March 18, at 5:30 p.m.! We are invited to draw pictures, record memories, and celebrate living through the creation of something new. Books are available in the Narthex or the Church Office for only \$7. Even if you didn't make it last week, you are welcome to join us!

Center yourself during Lent by attending the Noon 30-minute Worship in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 19. If you have time, stay for the delicious Lunch by Geri for a free-will donation.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - March 19  
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- Ministry in the Dining Room - Lenten Study  
"God's Gift of Life" Study with Rev. Miriam

Create a holy space for Bible study and open your heart and mind through self-examination and reflection so that you might grow in your faith. Books are available in the Narthex or the Church Office for only \$6.

- Kids' Choir in the Choir Room - ages 4-13
- 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-Dining Room \$2.50/person; \$10 max/family

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Taizé Worship in the Chapel

USHERS & ACOLYTES -- If you are currently or interested in ushering or acolyting, please plan to attend one of the following training sessions in the Sanctuary: Sunday, March 23, immediately after worship or Sunday, April 6, immediately after worship. Thank you for enhancing our worship time!!

Young Adults -- Come for Flood Flick & Fine Food on Saturday, March 29, times TBA. See Ana if you are interested or for more details. Estimated cost is \$25+ per person.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Gene & Barb Ferry      **Liturgist:** Kathy Welk  
**Ushers:** The Sandra Gregory Team      **Sound Tech:** Ashley Welk  
**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** The Breakfast Group

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

**Today 2nd Sunday in Lent**

03/16 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center  
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**11:00 Youth: Fundraiser & Lunch**  
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
**11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
 11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library  
**4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club at 4134 Tumbleweed Trail, LP**

**Mon 03/17** 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  
 5:30 Finance Committee in the Library  
 7:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

**Tue 03/18** 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  
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30 "The Painting Table" in the Youth Center**  
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205

**Wed 03/19** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**12:00 pm Worship in the Chapel**  
**12:30 Luncheon in the Dining Room**  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements**  
**7:00 Taizé Worship in the Chapel**  
 7:00 Men's Fellowship in Room 209

**Thu 03/20** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

**Fri 03/21** 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  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library

**Sat 03/22 Mary Poppins at the Fireside**  
**3:00 pm JFON Benefit Concert in the Chapel**

**Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent**

03/23 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  
 11:30 Youth: Movie Day  
**11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
 11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library  
**2:00 pm JFON Clinic on 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!

March 16, 2014

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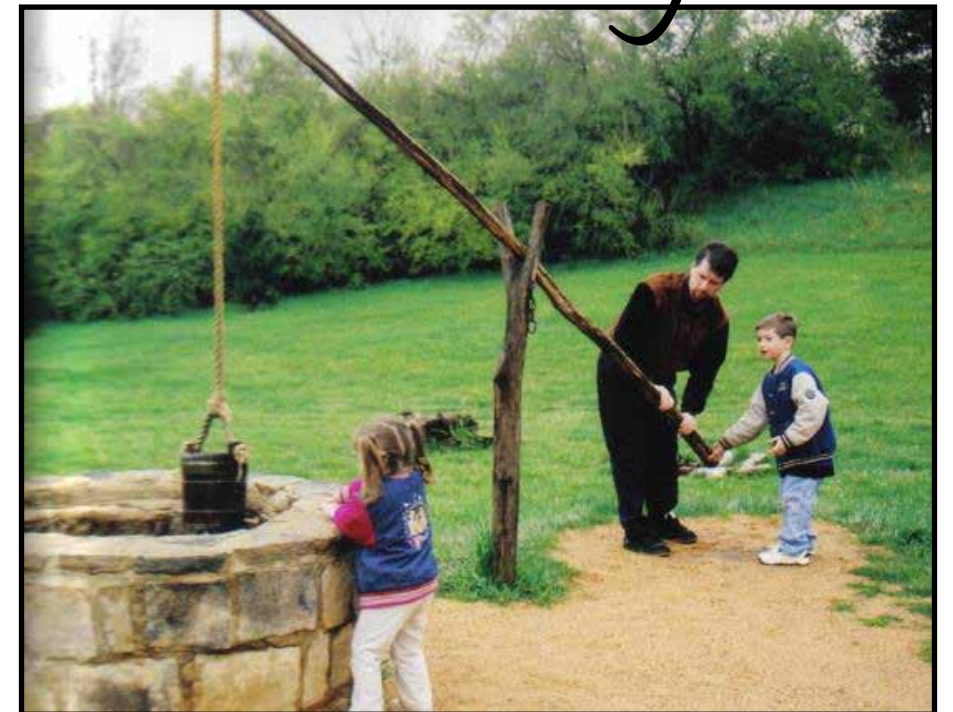
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If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.  
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Drawing



Water

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.

2nd Sunday in Lent  
 March 16, 2014