



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Leader: We gather for worship, frazzled from running errands and running committees, running out of energy and running out of time, running from problems and running from uncomfortable truths.

People: Let us open our hearts to the possible: that we might be renewed in spirit and in our desire to be a people of inclusion and love.

All: To the God who leads us through uncertain times and challenges us to risk all, let us lift our voices in praise.

Opening Hymn UMH #593

“Here I Am, Lord”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Hymn

“I’ve Got the Love of Jesus Down in My Heart”

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

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

“Love That Transforms Our Hearts:

Love That Demands a Choice”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“You Must Believe In Spring”

By Michel Legrand

Performed by Tracey Armstrong

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #399

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Benediction

We are called to be witnesses to God’s glory. God urges us, encourages us, pleads with us to take this call seriously — to live a life worthy of God. Jesus is our Model and Ideal, and also our Savior and Hope. When we fall short, it is the Spirit who supplies all our needs. Go from this place, committed to be witnesses to God, disciples of Christ and a community of the Spirit, through the power of the triune God. Amen.

Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

Rutter

Postlude

We are collecting a special offering today for Human Relations Day.



- The church will be closed Monday, Jan. 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- On Sunday, January 31st, we will collect a special offering for United Voices for Children – 5th Sunday Appeal.
- You can help Court Street raise money for its programs by buying Scrip through the church office. Visit courtstreetumc.org/SCRIP to view and print our current gift card order form.