



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Arr. James C. Kasen

Call to Worship

Call: Christ is calling, inviting, urging and wooing: Come and follow me!

***Response:* Let us set aside our worry and fear, our busyness and competing agendas to respond to Christ’s call.**

Call: Christ offers us the opportunity to walk with him, to come to know his heart more deeply day by day.

***Response:* Nothing is more precious than opening our hearts to God who fills us with love.**

Call: Christ grants us the privilege of working alongside him in our Father’s business.

***Response:* There is no higher call and no greater joy than making a difference in the kingdom of God.**

Call: Come, let us worship the One who calls us to follow!

***Response:* We worship in joy, in gratitude, in praise: Jesus Christ is Lord of all!**

Opening Hymn UMH #361

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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”

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

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

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

“Love That Transforms Our Hearts:

Love That Demands a Change”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“Musette”

By J.S. Bach

Performed by Tim Welk

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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

“I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

Arr. James C. Kasen



- 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.