



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

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:* On these days of Lenten journey,

***People:* Christ goes with us side by side.**

*Leader:* While we gather here for worship,

***People:* May our lives be focused with praise and care.**

*Leader:* As we sing, pray and listen,

***People:* May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.**

*Leader:* And may this time of worship,

***People:* Be for us a constant guide**

*Leader:* Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

***All:* As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.**

Opening Hymn UMH #144

“This Is My Father’s World”

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

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

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

Children’s Message

*James L. Crow*

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

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

*“God’s Way”  
Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Musical Witness  
“That’s Why We Are Beautiful”  
Performed by Grace Trio:  
Rob Wandell, Lana Raley, and Sue Wenger

**Doxology UMH #95**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

**Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #289, vs. 1-4**

**“Ah, Holy Jesus”**

Benediction

Send us forth on our Lenten journey.  
Send us forth through the wilderness of our world.  
As Moses gave the Hebrew people God’s symbol of forgiveness and hope,  
give to us, Lord, your spirit of forgiveness and grace.  
Send us out through the desert moments of our lives,  
into the light and life of God’s new dawn. Amen.

Choral Response

Performed by Grace Trio

“May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You”

Postlude