



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.

Please sing only in your hearts.

Remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines (6 feet apart).

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, be with us this Sabbath day, as we continue our Lenten journey.

***People:* As we hear your word and sing praises in song.**

Leader: May we celebrate and give thanks for God's wondrous mercies.

***People:* As we share in fellowship, focus in prayer,**

Leader: May we grow in discipleship and come to know the hope and promise,

***People:* Of the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Prepare us now for this time of worship,

***All:* And may the power and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us.**

Opening Hymn UMH #415

"Take Up Thy Cross"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

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

Hebrews 5:5-10

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

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

“Walking With God: God’s Mercy”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“Word of God Speak”

by MercyMe

Performed by Curly Thompson

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH # 398, vs. 1-4**

“Jesus Calls Us”

§ **Benediction**

Send us forth, Lord.
Send us forth, Lord,
full of confidence and hope.
Send us forth, Lord,
full of love and compassion.
Send us forth, Lord,
full of faith and filled with the passion
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lutkin

Postlude

Please wait for ushers to dismiss you before leaving.



- Spring is coming and that means Easter and Mother’s Day are too! We hope you will include Scrip in your plans! With thanks for your support, The Scrip Committee.
- Today we are collecting a special offering for UMCOR.
- Garden Bazaar orders are due Monday, April 19th.