



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

Prelude

§ Call to Worship

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

People: For we are your children.

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.

Leader: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

All: For in you we live and move and have our being.

Opening Hymn UMH #308

“Thine Be the Glory”

Instrumental

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:1-7

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Proof of Identity!”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Musical Witness  
“How Great Thou Art”  
*Boberg*  
Performed by Nathacha Kahe

**Doxology UMH #94      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”      Instrumental**

**WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

**Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #318, vs. 1-4      “Christ Is Alive”      Instrumental**

Benediction

Eternal God, grant us the grace to see your vision of blessings for all your children;  
Give us the hope to make your vision real in your world;  
Provide us with love that knows no limits, least of all the boundaries of poverty, sickness  
or death;  
And may our lives reflect your vision in ways beyond our imagining, all in Jesus’ name.

Choral Response      “The Lord Bless You And Keep You”      *Rutter*

Postlude

**Please wait for ushers to dismiss you before leaving.**

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Announcements

- Today we are collecting a special offering for Native American Ministries Sunday.
- Garden Bazaar orders are due tomorrow, Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Have you begun thinking of your garden yet? We have Lowe’s, Menards and Home Depot cards for any items for your lawn and gardening needs. Scrip will be sold before and after church worship each Sunday and in the church office during office hours. Amazon gift cards (\$25 each) will now be available as a stock item from our scrip inventory. We hope you will include Scrip in your plans!

With thanks for your support, The Scrip Committee