



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

April 25, 2021

Fourth 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

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

Prelude

“Reflections on the Spirit”

Joel Raney

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Shepherding God, be with us to guide us in this time of worship.

***People:* Help us to find rest and peace in your resurrection presence.**

Leader: Prepare our hearts and minds with joyous praise.

***All:* Grant us mercy and grace, so that as we abide in your comforting love, we may flourish in grace and blossom into new and hope-filled persons.**

Opening Hymn UMH #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Instrumental

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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

John 10:11-18

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

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

“Love Is!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“God So Loved The World”
Written by John Stainer
Arranged by Fredrickson

Performed by Nancy Shindel

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

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Instrumental

Benediction

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

–Hebrews 13:20-21

Choral Response

“Deep Peace”

Sexton

Postlude

“Azmon (Oh For a Thousand Tongues)”

David M. Cherwien

Please wait for ushers to dismiss you before leaving.

Announcements

- This year’s Garden Bazaar will take place on Friday, May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, May 13th, between noon and 2 p.m. If you arranged to have your plants delivered, they will be delivered on Thursday afternoon. If you would like to volunteer for the Bazaar, contact Sue Cram.
- 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. With thanks for your support, The Scrip Committee.