



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

May 2, 2021

Fifth 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: Here we have come together; we have come to worship our risen Lord.

People: Jesus has invited us here, saying to us, “Abide in me as I abide in you.”

Leader: We live in Jesus Christ.

People: Those who abide in Jesus blossom and flourish in God’s wondrous love.

Leader: As we live in Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed and our spirits renewed.

All: We live in Jesus Christ and now we are here to worship and witness to our faith.

Opening Hymn UMH #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Instrumental

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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 15:1-8

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Connected Commitment!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Musical Witness

“Joy”

J.S. Bach

Performed by Tim Welk

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Please follow along with the slides for the communion liturgy.

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

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

Please partake of your wafer and grape juice when Pastor Cal instructs.
Gluten-free wafers are available.

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #292 “What Wondrous Love Is This” Instrumental

Benediction

Friends, go from this place knowing that the risen Christ goes ahead of you. There is no one you will encounter, no circumstance you will face, no event that will occur that is beyond the redemptive reach of our risen Lord. For Jesus is already there, at work, drawing all the world to himself. In that power, you are sent to be messengers of his grace and love. Amen.

Choral Response

“Just As I Am”

Keveren

Postlude

Please wait for ushers to dismiss you before leaving.



Altar flowers given by Robert Henbest in memory of Rev. Sandra Hoke

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. (plants will be delivered on Thursday afternoon.). If you would like to volunteer for the Bazaar, contact Sue Cram.
- During the month of May, Nurture & Outreach is collecting outdoor equipment for Haskell Elementary. Please donate sports balls, sidewalk chalk, frisbees, hula hoops, jump ropes, etc.