



Court Street United Methodist Church  
215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103  
www.courtstreetumc.org

10 A.M. Worship Service  
May 9, 2021  
Sixth 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

“Adagio”

*W.A. Mozart, arr. E. Power Biggs*

## § Mother’s Day Litany

*Leader:* God is love. We are created in God’s image to reflect and share that love.

*People:* We celebrate human love as a gift. We are given families, friends and communities in which to receive and nurture love for one another.

*Leader:* On this Mother’s Day, we give thanks for our mothers who gave us the gift of life.

*People:* We give thanks for all the women who have loved and shaped us, comforted and encouraged us, taught us and believed in us.

*Leader:* We ask your blessing upon these women, O Lord. May your love strengthen and support them each day.

*People:* Grant them your grace and wisdom.

*Leader:* Anoint them with your presence and peace.

*All:* Thank you for your love and for family and friends with whom we share that love.

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn UMH #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Instrumental

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 5:1-6

*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 15:9-17

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

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

“Trust and Obey!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

“O Clap Your Hands”

*Rutter*

Performed by Jack Armstrong

**Doxology UMH #94**

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

**Instrumental**

## WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

**Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #557**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

**Instrumental**

Benediction

The seeds of gospel truth have been planted in you. Go now to share your faith in Jesus and your love for each other, so that the gospel might grow in you and bear fruit throughout the world. May you be filled with the wisdom of God, the power of Christ and the patience of the Spirit, now and forever. Alleluia. Amen.

Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*Lutkin*

Postlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*arr. Jeffrey Honoré*

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



**Altar Flowers Given by Robert Henbest in Recognition of Family Members**

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## Announcements

- This year's Garden Bazaar will take place on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, between noon and 2 p.m. (plants will be delivered on Thursday.). If you would like to volunteer, contact Sue Cram. Drop off boxes to the church beginning May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- Jeremiah Development needs help for the Neighborhood Cleanup in Coronado-Haskell District on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Gloves, vests, grabbers, and bags will be provided. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the JD office (corner of Church and Mulberry). If you can help, please let Diane Risley know at (815) 964-2226.