



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

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

“Pastorale”

Dominico Zipoli, arr. Wayne L. Wold

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Here we have come as people of faith

***People:* To celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Here we have come to follow the Prince of Peace and

***People:* To celebrate a life lived with compassion and forgiveness.**

Leader: Here we have come to live in a hurting world and

***People:* To witness to a new way of living that celebrates the power of God’s love.**

Leader: Here we have come to proclaim the hope of new life, and

***All:* To partner with God in creating a new world of justice and shalom.**

Opening Hymn UMH #110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Instrumental

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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 24:44-53

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

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

“Parting Promise!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“Sing To the Lord A New Song”

Mackintosh

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 #98 “To God Be the Glory” Instrumental

Benediction

Take courage and faith forward with you into the week ahead. Take courage and joy with you into the world where you live. Take courage and love with you and go forth with Christ’s light and life as a bright lamp of new life and hope for all the world. Amen.

Choral Response “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” *Lutkin*

Postlude “Finale on *Ein Feste Burg*” Barbara Harbach

Please wait for ushers to dismiss you before leaving.

Announcements

- 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.