

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



*Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church*



We are a people called United Methodists.  
*Open Hearts    Open Minds    Open Doors*

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church  
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*Pentecost Sunday*  
May 23, 2021

Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
Remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines (6 feet apart).  
Please sing only in your hearts.  
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

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## WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude “Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 631” *J.S. Bach*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit! We await your anointing presence and power.

***People:* Come, Holy Spirit! Reveal to us the truth of God.**

*Leader:* We give thanks that you intercede for us before God.

***People:* We rejoice that you comfort and convict.**

*Leader:* You bring order from chaos and illumine our darkness.

***People:* You help in our weakness and search our hearts.**

*Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit. Pour out your gifts upon us, the body of Christ.

***People:* Come, Holy Spirit. In rushing wind or still small voice, we invite you to speak.**

***All:* Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Opening Hymn UMH #404

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

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

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

Children’s Message *James L. Crow*

New Testament Reading Romans 8:22-27

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

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

“**P**ieces of the **P**uzzle!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“Waving Through A Window” from *Dear Evan Hansen*

Performed by Andrew Ashley

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Please refer to your insert.*

**Layla Rose Lutmer  
Liliana Christine Breson  
Natalie Lynn Urness**

## Heritage Sunday Recognitions

Congratulations to our 50-year member and high school graduate.  
Your hard work and dedication is admired and appreciated.

Recognition of 50-year Member

**Joann Dill**

Recognition of High School Graduate

**Tashiana Deleon**

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

**Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #500**

**“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

Benediction

May the living waters of the Spirit flow through your body;  
May the burning fire of the Spirit warm your heart;  
May the rushing wind of the Spirit fill your lungs,  
Inspiring you to new words and deeds,  
All in the name of the living Christ. Amen.

Choral Response

“Deep Peace”

*Sexton*

Postlude

“Corner Of The Sky” from *Pippin*

Performed by Andrew Ashley

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

**Ushers will direct you after the postlude on where to go and  
what to do for the Pentecost photo.**

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*We thank the following people for enhancing our worship:*

Jack Armstrong, *Director of Music* | Andrew Mertzenich, *Organist*

Andrew Ashley, *Soloist*

Andrew Ashley is studying musical theater at Rockford University  
under the direction of Timm Adams.

# Court Street United Methodist Church

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team  
**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk  
**Camera Operator:** Carter Anderson

**Liturgist:** Karen Brown  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Director of Video Ministries:** Krysta Tilges

## Announcements

- On May 30<sup>th</sup> we are collecting special offerings for Peace with Justice Sunday and United Voices For Children, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Appeal.
- The church will be closed Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for Memorial Day.
- United Methodist Women will meet for a summer picnic at Aldersgate Church on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. RSVP with Judy Mehren at (815) 988-6561 by Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember to select your lunch option; lunches are from Mary's Market. Water will be provided.
- 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.
- Help the Midwest Mission Distribution Center with their Fill the Truck Mission Challenge by donating baby onesies, 12 packs of colored pencils, and other items on their list here at Court Street from now until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Court Street United Methodist Church Staff

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# *Baptized unto the Lord*

May 23, 2021



## **Layla Rose Lutmer**

*Child of God*

*Born:* October 28, 2010

John & Jacquelyn Breson, *Godparents*

Justin & Nicole Lutmer, *Parents*

Robert & Diane Lutmer, *Grandparents*

## **Liliana Christine Breson**

*Child of God*

*Born:* October 5, 2008

John & Jacquelyn Breson, *Godparents*

Antoinette Breson & Kurt Keplinger II, *Parents*

Robert & Diane Lutmer, *Sponsors*

## **Natalie Lynn Urness**

*Child of God*

*Born:* January 20, 2011

Ryanne Ludington, *Godmother*

Dustin Urness & Dessie Voigt, *Parents*



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Rev. Calvin Culpepper, Pastor

# Sacrament of Holy Baptism

## GREETING

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
we are initiated into Christ's holy church.

We are included into God's mighty acts of salvation,  
and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is  
God's gift, offered to us without price.

## PRESENTATION of Candidates for Baptism

Layla Rose Lutmer  
Liliana Christine Breson  
Natalie Lynn Urness

## RENUNCIATION of Sin and Profession of Faith

*The pastor addresses the parents & other sponsors:*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces  
of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin? *I do.*

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives  
you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?  
*I do.*

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ offers  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?  
*I do.*

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy church,  
that by your teaching and example they may be guided  
to accept God's grace for themselves,  
to profess their faith openly,  
and to lead a Christian life? *I will.*

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?  
*We do.*

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith  
and life and include these children  
now before you in your care? *We will.*

*The pastor addresses all:*

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as  
contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God? *I believe in God.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? *I believe in Jesus Christ.*

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? *I believe in the Holy Spirit.*

## **THANKSGIVING Over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.  
In the days of Noah you saved those on the  
ark through water, and after the flood  
you set in the clouds a rainbow, as a sign of your promise.  
*Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.*

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
nurtured in the water of a womb,  
baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit.  
Jesus called disciples to share in the baptism  
of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.

***Declare God's works to the nations, His glory among all the people.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
to bless this gift of water  
and these children who receive it,  
to wash away sin, and receive clothes  
of righteousness throughout their lives,  
that dying and being raised with Christ,  
they may share in Christ's final victory.

***All praise to You, Eternal God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with You and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.***

## **BAPTISM & Laying on of Hands**

(Name) I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

## **WELCOME from the Congregation**

***Through baptism you are included  
by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation.  
You share in Christ's royal priesthood.  
We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.***