

# 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.

*Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021*

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	Alleluia ~ Mozart	<i>Brass Quartet</i>
	And The Glory Of The Lord ~ Handel	<i>Brass Quartet</i>
	March from Julius Ceasar ~ Handel	<i>Brass Quartet</i>
	Ode to Joy ~ Beethoven	<i>Brass Quartet</i>

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Jesus Christ is risen today!

***People:* Christ is risen, indeed!**

*Leader:* The tomb could not hold him.

***People:* The grave is empty. Christ is risen!**

*Leader:* Humanity's sin could not condemn him.

***People:* He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is risen!**

*Leader:* Death could not contain him.

***People:* He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is risen!**

*Leader:* Jesus Christ is risen today!

***All:* Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Opening Hymn UMH #638**

**"This Is the Feast of Victory"**

**Instrumental**

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*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 20:1-18

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

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

"A Morning Like No Other!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## 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 #302      “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”      Instrumental**

Benediction

May all the joy and excitement of this day go with us.  
May the power of Christ's resurrection go with us.  
May the good news of this wondrous day go with us.  
May the promise and hope of Easter go with us.  
May we in the days ahead, sing, pray, live, love, act and serve all for the glory of God.  
A joyous Easter. Amen. Go forth!

**Musical Witness                      “The Hallelujah Chorus”                      ~ G.F. Handel**  
Performed by Jack Armstrong

Postlude                      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                      ~ arr. Matt Limbaugh

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

**Ushers will distribute altar flowers after the postlude.**

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

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

Brass Quartet:

Ray Aukes & Betsy Young, *Trumpets*  
Don Deal & Pete Dicaro, *Trombones*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team

**Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell

**Acolyte:** Carter Anderson

**Liturgist:** Cindy Anderson

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Director of Video Ministries:** Krysta Tilges

## Announcements

- The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Next week we are collecting a special offering for our Apportionment.
- Garden Bazaar orders are due Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Have you begun thinking of your garden yet? We have Lowe's, Menards and Home Depot cards for any items for your lawn and gardening needs. Scrip cards are available for purchase in the church office during office hours. We hope you will include Scrip in your plans!

With thanks for your support, The Scrip Committee

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# *Easter Tulip Dedications 2021*

In memory of **Charles Dow**, and in memory of **Marjorie Anderson** by Cindy and Roger Anderson & family.

In memory of **Juanita Culpepper**, and in memory of **Corinne Woods** by Pastor Cal & Gwen Culpepper.

**Remembering the continuing support of family and friends** by Bill & Betty Doran.

In memory of **Edward T. Doran**, and in memory of **Deborah Doran** by Nancy Doran.

In memory of **Charles Dow**, and in memory of **my relatives & friends who have died this past year**, and in honor of **my daughters & their families** by Donna Dow.

In memory of Gene's parents, **Lee & Vada Ferry**, and in memory of Barb's parents, **Harold & Ruby Kaney**, by Gene & Barb Ferry.

In loving memory of **David Conklin** by Teresa Field.

In loving memory of **Gordon, Ruth, & Clark Galloway**, and in memory of **Frances Goss** by Kay Galloway & family.

In honor of **Pastor Cal, Teresa, & Staff** (Thanks for helping us stay faithful during 2020.) by Geor-galee George.

In loving memory of Annette's parents, **Robert & Thelma Katke**, and in loving memory of Larry's dad, **Robert Gillette**, by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In memory of Tim's mother, **Della Rose (Dollie) LaViolette**, and in memory of Tim's brother, **Jay Gorman**, by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

In memory of **Jay Heath** by Perky Heath, The Flynns, and The Birds.



## *Easter Tulip Dedications Continued*

In memory of **Rev. Sandra Hoke**, in memory of **Dr. Allen Pang**, in memory of **Jay Heath**, and in honor of **Pastor Cal & Gwen Culpepper** by Robert Henbest.

In memory of **Dr. Allen Pang**, and in memory of **Steven Pang** by Susan Pang Hughes.

In memory of **Brian L. King** by Randiann King.

In memory of **Karl Kint**, in memory of **Kraig Kint**, in memory of Marge's parents, **Bill & Eleanor Ades**, and in memory of Karl's parents, **King & Ida Kint**, by Marge Kint & family.

In memory of my husband, **William R. Lewis**, in memory of my son, **Thomas W. Lewis**, and in memory of my brothers, **Lee G. Watson & Wayne B. Watson**, by Marie Lewis.

In memory of **William Mace** by Janet Mace & family.

In memory of **John & Tiny Strom, Glenn & Vernice Palmer**, and all of **our friends who passed away this year** by Gail, Glenn, & Greg Palmer.

In memory of **my parents**, and in memory of **my friends lost in 2020** by Dorothy Powell.

In memory of **Richard & Betty Reece**, and in memory of **Sally & Barry Bishop** by Jeanne Reece.

In loving memory of **Dr. Milton G. Schmitt**, in loving memory of **Dr. Katherine Andersen**, and in honor of **our dear Court Street family** by Judy Schmitt & family.

In memory of **Bill & Bess Stanis**, in memory of **Casper & Violet Hammel**, and in honor of **our parents** by DuWayne & Nancy Stanis.

In memory of **Corry E. Regnier**, and in honor of **Mary Elise & Donald Thomas** by Megan & Michele Thomas-Regnier.

In honor of **our daughter & grandchildren**, and in honor of **Court Street UMC opening for Easter** by Stan & Joan Tunnell.

In memory of **Lonnie & Wilma Ostic**, and in honor of **Bob & Betty Wandell** by Lorelle and Rob Wandell.

In memory of **our parents**, and in honor of **our children** by Rev. Richard & Jeanine Wang.

In memory of **Judy Wollstadt** by Loyd Wollstadt.