

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16, NRSV



VI. God Gets You

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.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please wear a mask and continue to social distance even if you are vaccinated.
At this time, sing only in your hearts. 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 “O Store Gud (How Great Thou Art)” *J. Wayne Kerr*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: O gracious and holy God,

***People:* Give us wisdom to perceive you,**

Leader: Intelligence to understand you,

***People:* Diligence to seek you,**

Leader: Patience to wait for you,

***People:* Eyes to see you,**

Leader: A heart to meditate on you,

***People:* And a life to proclaim you,**

Leader: Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

– St. Benedict (480-547)

Opening Hymn UMH #77

“How Great Thou Art”

**Stewardship Presentation
“Love Through Giving”**

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

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 2:1-7

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

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

“Unshakable Hope Sermon Series: God Gets You”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

“Alabaré”

Honoré

Performed by Jubellation

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Instrumental

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

§ Benediction

And now, let us run with patience the race that is before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. May God give us his sustaining power and grant us the strengthening presence of his Spirit in whatever challenges await us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction Response

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lutkin

Postlude

“Sonata II: Allegro maestoso e vivace”

Felix Mendelssohn

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.



Altar Flowers Given by Andrew Mertzenich in Honor of the One Year Wedding Anniversary of Andrew Mertzenich and Cody Skaggs.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team

Sound Tech: Ryan Welk

Liturgist: Curly Thompson

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner

Announcements

- The Rockford area CROP Hunger Walk will take place virtually today. To get more info, to sponsor, or to walk, please contact Verlette Gorman. To support Court Street's team online, visit events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/timothy-gorman.
- If you have a loved one that died this past year that you would like honored during All Saints' Sunday, please submit their name, the date they died, and a photo (optional) by October 29th. Any submissions made after Friday, Oct. 29th may not be included on this year's list.
- The CSUMC Book Club will meet today at 4 p.m. at Jan Mace's home.
- This year marks the 40th year of Court Street's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinners will be carryout like last year, but nearly a 1,000 people are anticipated to be fed, so it's a big undertaking as always. If you can donate time on, before, or after Thanksgiving Day, please contact Bert Cromwell. Otherwise, consider donating money or food items like pies, applesauce, and bottled water. Contact the church office for more details.

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