

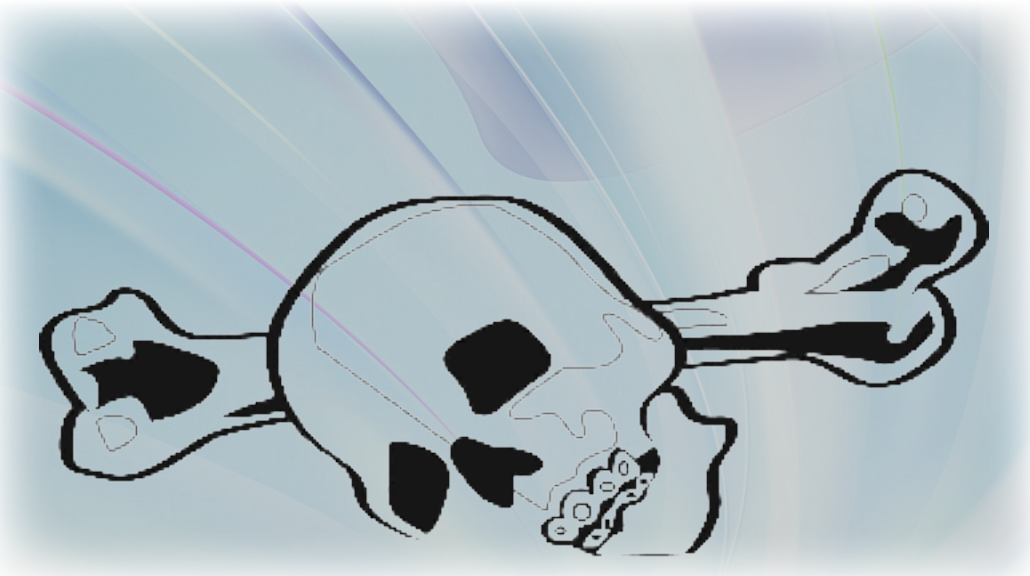
# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

VIII. *Death Has Been Defeated*

“Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”

**1 Corinthians 15:55, NIV**



*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.

*Consecration Sunday*  
October 31, 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

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## WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude

“Abide with Me”

*Eleanor Whitsett*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* For those who have not been welcomed before,

***People:* You are welcomed by Christ here.**

*Leader:* For those who have been turned away,

***People:* Christ is opening the door for you.**

*Leader:* For those who have been forgotten,

***People:* God cannot forget you, for God made you.**

*Leader:* Come, join together in worship of our God.

***People:* You are God’s beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ. Amen.**

– Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org)

Opening Hymn UMH #178

“Hope of the World”

### Pastor Appreciation

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

*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 Matthew 28:1-7  
*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People: Glory to you, O Lord.*

“Unshakable Hope Sermon Series:  
Death Has Been Defeated”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness “Here I Am To Worship” by Tim Hughes  
Performed by Jack Armstrong

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 #432 “Jesu, Jesu”

§ Benediction

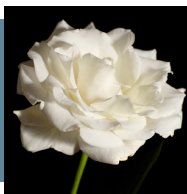
God sends you forth from the gathered church to be ambassadors for Christ. God looks for anyone who will lift instead of lean, help instead of hinder. Go to claim a corner of the world for God and may God’s Spirit go with you and abide with you. Amen.

– Duck and Tirabassi, 243

Benediction Response “Dismiss Us From This Place”

Postlude “Phantom of the Opera” *Andrew Lloyd Webber*

**Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.**



Altar flowers given by Bob Henbest in honor of Helen and James Gibbons, and by the congregation in appreciation and honor of Pastor Cal and Gwen Culpepper.

# Court Street United Methodist Church

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team

**Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell

**Liturgist:** Karen Brown

**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Natalie Urness

**Director of Video Ministries:** Krysta Tilges

## Announcements

- Beverly Maus will exhibit her collection of acrylic pour canvases titled "Abstracts" at The Norwegian (1402 N. Main Street) this Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 9 p.m.
- Daylight Saving Time Ends next week, so remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed next Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Are you interested in being a part of the video ministries? Informational / Training meeting Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> right after church. Meet in the balcony. See Krysta for more details!
- Our Church Conference is scheduled for Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. SPRC will meet in the Parlor at 5:45 p.m.
- This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year of Court Street's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinners will be carryout like last year, but it's still a big undertaking, so 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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