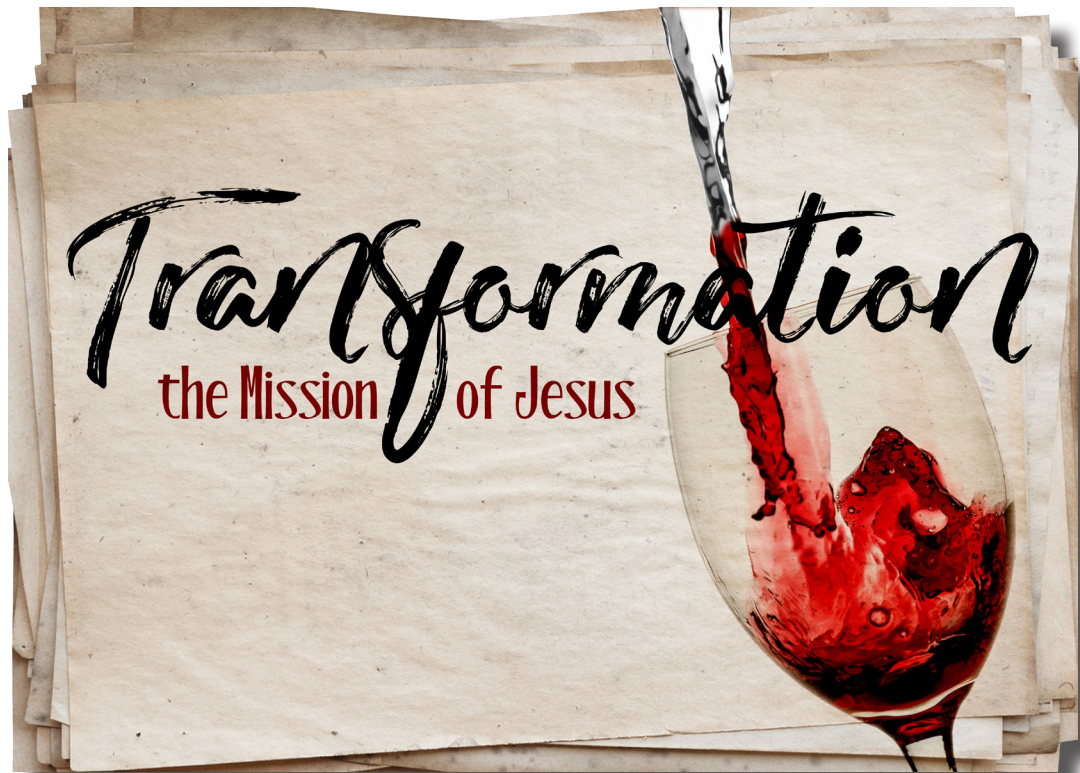


ORDER OF WORSHIP

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.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 16, 2022

**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.
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 “Reflections on the Spirit” *Joel Raney* Performed by A. Mertzénich
 “My Favorite Things” *arr. Wagner* Performed by JuBellation

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has been raised! Death and sin have been defeated.

***People:* Our lives are redeemed. We are no longer bound to old patterns and habits.**

Leader: We are set free. The old, false self-need no longer controls us.

***People:* Transformation is possible. We can change and grow!**

Leader: We cannot transform ourselves, and we cannot change on our own.

***People:* God works in us making all things new and giving us strength to make new choices.**

Leader: The Spirit is alive in us, empowering us to the new life to which God calls us.

***All:* We open ourselves to the work of the Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #184

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

§ Gospel Reading John 2:1-11
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presentation: Redeemer Church – Christmas Eve 2021 Service

“Transforming Times!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Offertory “For The Beauty Of The Earth” *Rutter*

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 #610 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

§ Benediction

Go from this place, committed to love God, to proclaim Christ, and to be led by the Spirit. Amen.

Benediction Response “O God We Are Thankful” *Armstrong*

Postlude “Wedding March” *Mark Kellner*

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.



**Altar flowers given by Joan Tunnell, Melissa Deleon, and Family
in honor of Stan Tunnell’s birthday on January 6th.**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team

Sound Tech: Tim Welk

Liturgist:

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Natalie Urness

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Announcements

- **Angel Tree:** Thanks to ALL of you for your financial support, for purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children, and for your prayers. Because of your generosity, gifts were purchased for 53 children from 22 families in our church neighborhood and in the nearby area. Each child received two gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent. Additionally, extra funds were left over to provide \$25 to \$50 in grocery gift cards to each family based upon size of family or need. Thanks also to those of you, including the Youth, who helped organize and deliver the gifts to the families. May God bless you all for it is in giving that we are richly blessed. We ask that you continue to pray for the incarcerated parents and their families. This year most of our families were having a difficult time financially. This is quite a challenge and strain on a grandparent or caregiver, so gift cards were well received and appreciated (several with tears in their eyes). Religious pamphlets, Christmas cards from Court Street United Methodist Church, and December services dates were delivered to the families also.
– Barb and Gene Ferry
- Christmas is over, but Scrip cards are always available to use towards your everyday purchases, to give as birthday or anniversary gifts, or help with charitable giving. There is a fine selection of cash and carry items as well as many more that can be special ordered.
- **Volunteer Opportunity:** For roughly one hour per week, help Jeremiah Development organize its "Take-a-Book Library" donations. Contact Sue Kanthak at (815) 627-0001 if you are interested in helping.
- The church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, Jan. 17th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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