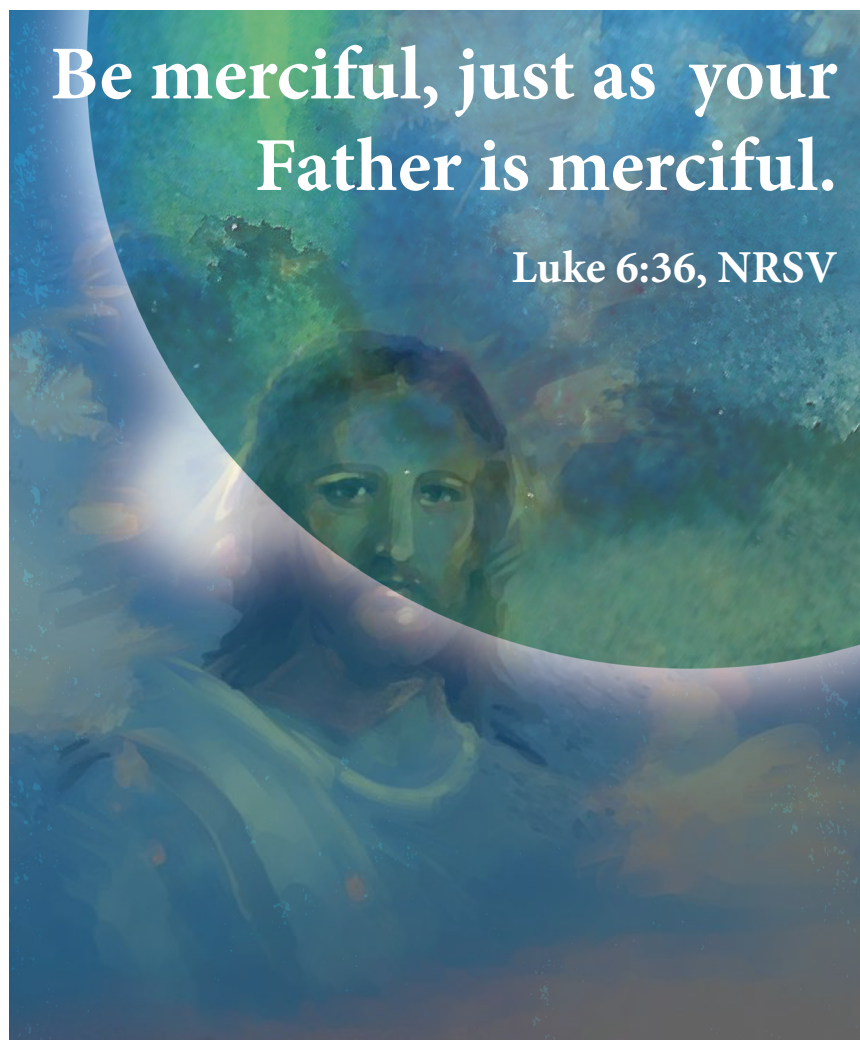


ORDER OF WORSHIP

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.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 20, 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.

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WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude "Shall We Gather At the River" Wagner
Presented by JuBellation

"Prayer" Alexandre Guilmant
Presented by A. Mertzenich

§ Call to Worship

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

***People:* And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.**

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

***People:* And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.**

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

***People:* And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.**

***All:* As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to what can be instead of what is. For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading 37:1-11, 39-40

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

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

“A Different World”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

Arr. Mark Hayes

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #306**

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

§ **Benediction**

And now unto him who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the mountains of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy; to him be power and authority, forever and ever. Amen.

–Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

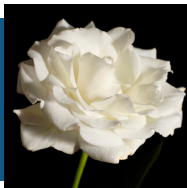
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Postlude

“Any Dream Will Do”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.



Altar flowers given by Georgalee George in loving memory of her sister Billee’s Birthday.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team

Sound Tech: Ryan Welk

Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell

Van Driver: Curly Thompson

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Lili Breson

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Announcements

- Nurture & Outreach encourages you to donate jars of peanut butter during the month of February. The jars can be placed into a specially marked barrel in the Narthex. Donations go to Rock River Valley Pantry.
- Please collect and donate the metal lids from your cans of frozen juice. The nursery will use them in craft projects.
- **CORRECTION - VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE:** Tim Gorman will be the driver for Sunday, Feb. 27th and Jeff Mann will be the driver for Sunday, Mar. 6th.
- Please join us in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday (March 2) either at 12 Noon or 6 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner this year.
- This year's Lenten Study will begin March 6th and is based on Matt Rawle's *The Grace of Les Misérables*.
- February is CWS Blanket Month at Court Street! If you missed Blanket Sunday last week, feel free to send in donations for CWS through the end of February.
- The CSUMC Book Club will meet TODAY at 2 p.m. Contact Diane Risley for more information.
- **JD Volunteer Opportunities:** Jeremiah Development needs volunteers to teach Microsoft Excel classes (or other computer applications) at their Coronado Community Computer Center, read to children while their guardians take those classes, or organize its "Take-a-Book Library" donations. Contact Sue Kanthak at (815) 627-0001 if you are interested in helping.

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