

# 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.

*Third Sunday in Lent*  
March 20, 2022

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
Please continue to social distance even if you are vaccinated.  
Masks may be worn or removed at your discretion. 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 “Voluntary No. 1” *Paul F. Page*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Out of the depths of our struggles, we cry to you, O Lord.

***People:* Come now here Lord God and renew us.**

*Leader:* Out of the depths of our sins and failures, we cry to you, O Lord.

***People:* Come now here Lord God and redeem us.**

*Leader:* Out of the depths of our pains and hurts, we cry to you, O Lord.

***People:* Come now here Lord God and forgive us.**

***All:* Here together we have come to worship and give God praise and thanks.**

**§ Opening Hymn UMH #121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:1-9*

*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 13:1-9

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

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

“Living A Fruitful Life”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

“Wade In De Water”

*Ingram*

*Presented by JuBellation*

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #375**

**“There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

§ **Benediction**

May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us.

–St. Patrick (389-461)

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

*Rutter/Armstrong*

Postlude

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

*Arr. Mary McDonald*

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

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team

**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk

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**Van Driver:** Curly Thompson

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Natalie Urness

**Director of Video Ministries:** Krysta Tilges

## Announcements

- This year's Lenten Study, based on Matt Rawle's *The Grace of Les Misérables*, continues after service in the parlor.
- Garden Bazaar order forms are now available. If you need copies, they are available at [courtstreetumc.org/events](http://courtstreetumc.org/events). You may also request copies from the office or check with an usher for copies on hand. Orders are due Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **JD Volunteer Opportunities:** Jeremiah Development needs volunteers to teach Microsoft Excel classes, 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.
- The Spring Cheesy Cabaret originally scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> has been rescheduled to a later date.
- The SONrise Easter Service has been cancelled. Please join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for our Easter Resurrection Celebration Service.
- We will take a special collection for UMCOR on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Easter flowers are now available for purchase. Order tulips in 6-inch pots and dedicate them in honor or in memory of your loved ones. \$12 per pot – random colors will be ordered. Dedications will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Flowers will be available after the Resurrection Celebration Service on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Orders and dedications are due Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- If you would like to participate in the Prairie North Spring Lay Academy that will be held at Beth Eden UMC on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, remember to register online soon. Cost of participation is \$30.

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