

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

*H*is father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 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

WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude "Voluntary No. 4" *Paul F. Page*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, come back from the far country, from the exile of self-contempt or the fields of dutiful labor.

***People:* For God longs to welcome and love us!**

Leader: God weighs neither the sad detours of our journey nor our cheerless attempts to earn favor.

***People:* We who have been lost are found in the embrace of God's arms. We are found when we forgive each other and seal our peace with joy!**

Leader: Let us worship God, who awaits our return with lavish love.

***People:* Amen.**

-From Diane Karay All the Seasons of Mercy, (1987).

§ Opening Hymn UMH #140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

“Reconciling Redeemer!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

“Joshua”

Ruth Artman

Presented by Youth Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #292**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

§ **Benediction**

As you go, the grace of God goes with you. It is a grace that is never-ending, never-failing and fully covers all your sins. Walk, rest, work, live and breathe in the amazing grace of your beautiful Savior. Go now, knowing you are blanketed in grace. Amen.

Musical Benediction

“Go Ye Now In Peace”

Eilers

Postlude

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast”

Benton Price

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.



Altar flowers given by the Family of Robert Henbest and by Georgalee George and Fellow Auburn High School Teachers in loving memory of Robert Henbest.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Liturgist: Karen Brown

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Ella Anderson

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Announcements

- We will take a special collection for UMCOR TODAY.
- The Lenten Study continues after Sunday service in the parlor.
- Robert Henbest's memorial service will be held TODAY. The visitation will begin at 1 p.m. in the Narthex; the service will commence at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room after the service at 3 p.m.
- The March meeting for the CSUMC Book Club has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 3rd at 2 p.m.
- Easter flowers are available for purchase. Order tulips in 6-inch pots and dedicate them in honor or in memory of your loved ones. \$12 per pot. Orders and dedications are due THIS Wednesday (March 30th).
- Garden Bazaar order forms are now available. If you need copies, they are available at 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 19th.
- If you would like to participate in the Prairie North Spring Lay Academy that will be held at Beth Eden UMC on April 2nd and 3rd, remember to register online soon. Cost of participation is \$30. See CS Happenings and flier in the handicap entrance for url to online registration page.
- The Spring Cheesy Cabaret originally scheduled for April 1st has been rescheduled to a later date.
- The SONrise Easter Service has been cancelled. Please join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 17th for our Easter Resurrection Celebration Service.
- Jeremiah Development will hold their *An Evening in Paris* fundraiser on April 30th.

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