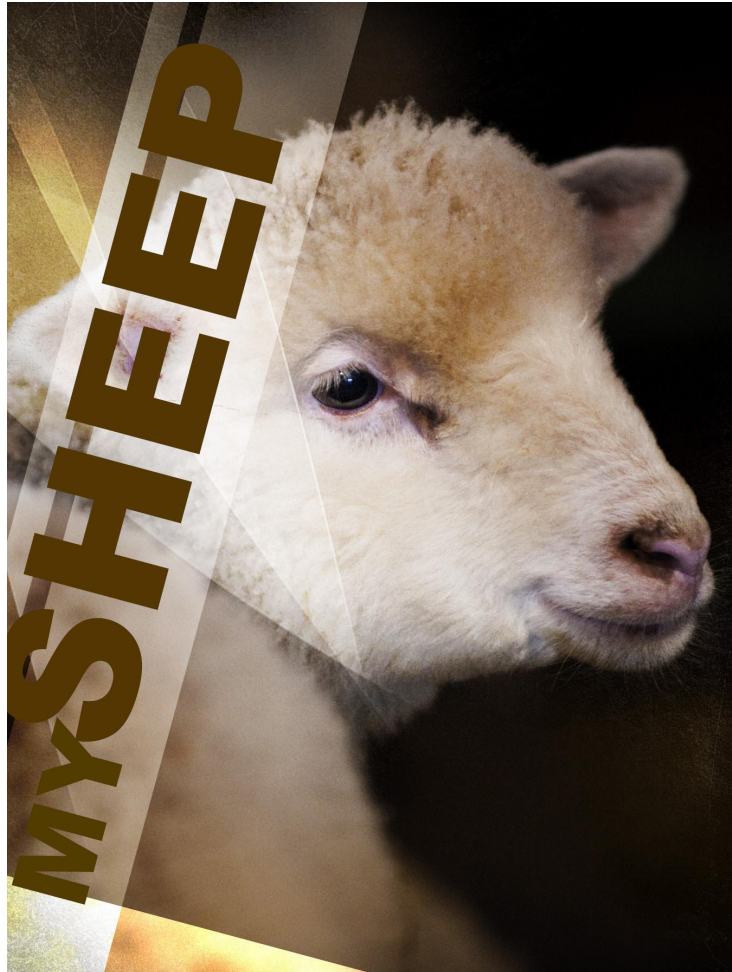


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 of Easter*  
May 1, 2022

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
Please continue to social distance; Masks may be worn at your discretion.  
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew. Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

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## **WE GATHER to be NURTURED**

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude

“One Bread, One Body”

*Setting: Ron Schmoltze*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*One:* In Christ, we are made new

***All:* And filled with hope.**

*One:* In God, we belong to a new community,

***All:* Discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ.**

*One:* In Christ, the old ways have lost their glitter and appeal,

***All:* For we have turned toward the new light.**

*One:* In God, we receive a new name and a new call;

***All:* We are God’s beloved, and we carry on the ministry of reconciliation.**

*One:* In Christ, we are a new creation.

***All:* The old is passed away, and we live as signs of reconciliation and love.**

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #150**

**“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:1-20

*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Children’s Message

*James L. Crow*

Video Presentation

“Native American Ministries Sunday - New History”

### **§ Gospel Reading**

John 21:1-19

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

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

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.  
You may also follow along with the slides for today’s communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“A Jubilant Song”  
Presented by Chancel Choir

*Allen Pote*

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.  
The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #545

“The Church’s One Foundation”

§ Benediction

The Spirit moves, not just to renew and transform us, but to call us to service in the name of Christ. Go now, strengthened for that service, mending what is broken, healing what is sick, and joining what has been separated. May the love of God be with you in all that you say and do, now and forever. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

*Rutter*

Postlude

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

*Arr. Joshua Evanovich*

*You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.*

*If you wish to leave, you may do so, leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.*

## Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar flowers given in loving memory of Sandy Hoke by Robert Henbest and in memory of the wedding anniversary of Gwen & Leslie Thomas on April 26<sup>th</sup> by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest.

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*Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.*

# Court Street United Methodist Church

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team

**Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell

**Liturgist:** Rev. Dorothy Powell

**Facetime Hosts:** Donna Dow, Helen Gibbons, Nancy Stanis

**Van Driver:** Curly Thompson

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **The Blessing of the Pets** event announced in the yearly schedule booklet (Green Cover) for May 4<sup>th</sup> has been **rescheduled, new date TBD**.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee** will meet on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Library.
- **Facetime in the Narthex is Back!** If you would like to host a weekly fellowship during the month of May or June, **volunteer in the Narthex TODAY by filling out the schedule sheet**.
- **We will take a special collection for Native American Ministries TODAY.**
- **Grace UMC & The United Women in Faith** are hosting a discussion on mental health issues in children and solutions to combat the problem on **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. in their sanctuary.**
- **A Memorial Service for Scott Stanis will be held in the Chapel** on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., followed by a Luncheon in the Dining Room.
- **Someone graduating in your family this year?** Please submit graduation details and photos to the church office **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Graduates will be recognized during the Heritage Sunday Service on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Court Street is offering for FREE: A Matter of Balance/ Lifescape Class.** Folks will learn techniques to help them overcome their fear of falling. Sessions are from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office at (815) 962-6061 to register.
- **Want to learn to play the Pipe Organ?** Nineteen years old or older? Beginner or intermediate player? AGO's Rockford Chapter will hold a week-long program called Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+) offering pipe organ instruction from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$275; register by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **AGO will hold their Cor Cantiamo Concert at Court Street** on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. No admission, free-will offerings will benefit the Rockford Chapter.

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