

# 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.

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Mother's Day*  
May 8, 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 “The Lord’s My Shepherd” *Arr. Donald Hustad*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

***People:* who, like a mother, knows us intimately,**

*Leader:* loves us unconditionally,

***People:* teaches us the way we should go,**

*Leader:* and comforts us in times of need.

***All:* Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.**

**§ Opening Hymn UMH #128 “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading Acts 9:36-43

*Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.*

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

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

Children’s Message *James L. Crow*

Opening Hymn, vs. 1 “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (*Woolston/ Krieger/Root*)

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Mother’s Day Recognitions

Closing Hymn UMH # 191, vs. 1 “Jesus Loves Me”

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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.*

§ Gospel Reading John 10:22-30

*Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.*

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

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

Message

“Amazing Women!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD**

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

*Arr. Armstrong*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #399**

**“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

§ **Benediction**

Light of the risen Christ, shine in one and all.

Love of the creating God, abide in one and all.

Joy of the healing Spirit, dance in one and all. Amen.

Benediction Response

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

*Arr. Armstrong*

Postlude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Arr. Joel Raney*

*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 memory of our mothers, Vada and Ruby,  
by Gene and Barb Ferry

# Court Street United Methodist Church

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team

**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk

**Liturgist:** Curly Thompson

**Facetime Hosts:** Sue Cram & Ryanne Ludington

**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Lili Breson

## Announcements

- **The Blessing of the Pets** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.
- **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.**
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group** are meeting at Capri Restaurant on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **The deadline for the June issue of *The Chimes* is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Garden Bazaar** orders will be ready for pickup on Thursday May, 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. Deliveries will be made that afternoon. The plant sale will be held rain or shine on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **JD is holding a Work Day** to open the community garden on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call (815) 627-0001 to volunteer. **BRING YOUR GLOVES AND TOOLS!**
- **Someone graduating in your family this year?** Please submit graduation details and photos to the church office **NO LATER THAN** Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Graduates will now be recognized during the Children's Sunday Service on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</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. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **AGO will hold their Cor Cantiamo Concert at Court Street** on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. No admission, free-will offerings will benefit the Rockford Chapter.

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