

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Heritage Sunday
May 22, 2022

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.**

SERMON SERIES:

DEATH AND DYING

By

DR. HAROLD MC ELVANY

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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

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Give Me Jesus”

Richard Billingham

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

***People:* We come to celebrate God’s presence among us!**

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

***People:* We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!**

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

***All:* May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #596

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:9-15

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.

Closing Hymn UMH # 191, vs. 1

“Jesus Loves Me”

§ Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

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
“A Holy Habitat!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Recognition of 50-Year Anniversary Members

Colleen Gilmore

Lois Lander

Sheila Stebbins

Priscilla “Perky” Heath

Truman Lander

Lorraine Yencsik

Randiann King

Virginia Sisney

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH # 57

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Presented by Andrew Mertzenich

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #723**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

§ **Benediction**

Go now, secure in your love for Christ and God’s love for you, strengthened to be a keeper of the word. May the Spirit’s comfort fill you, the Savior’s friendship surround you, and the Father’s love uphold you, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Deep Peace”

Sexton

Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Mary McDonald

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

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st 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.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Liturgist: Diane Risley

Van Driver: Curly Thompson

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Lili Breson

Facetime Hosts: Sue Cram & Teresa Field

Announcements

- **CSUMC Book Club** will meet today at 2 p.m. at Diane Risley's (4252 Ahlstrand Drive).
- **If you have registered for the A Matter of Balance/ Lifescape Class, the first session starts tomorrow, Monday, May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room.**
- **The Blessing of the Pets** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 1st at 6 p.m.
- **The United Women in Faith are holding their Summer Picnic** on Wednesday, June 1st at 12 Noon at Rock Cut State Park's Equestrian Campground off of Hart Road. You may pay at the event, but please RSVP to Judy Mehren at (815) 988-6561 by this Friday, May, 27th.
- **JD needs volunteers** for LOVE Rockford's 2nd event on Saturday, June 4th, a community cleanup event on Friday, June 17th, and for Movie Night in the Park on Saturday, June 25th. Call (815) 627-0001 to volunteer.
- **We're now collecting money throughout the year for JD's community outreach programs, mainly LOVE Rockford.** A donation box is in the Narthex.
- **The church will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.**
- **Starting Tuesday, May 31st,** Jack Armstrong will offer FREE voice lessons in the choir room at 6 p.m.

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