

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

**Ascension Sunday**  
**May 29, 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.**

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

“O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies”

*Edward Boughton*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

*People:* We need not look up to find God; we need only to look around:

- within ourselves,
- beyond ourselves,
- into the eyes of another.

*Leader:* We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God; we need only listen to:

- the music of life,
- the words of children,
- the questions of the curious,
- the rhythm of a heartbeat.

*All:* We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

—Posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website, [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

### § Opening Hymn UMH #131

“We Gather Together”

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

*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

Luke 24:44-53

*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 Luke.

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

Message

“Step by Step Instructions”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD**

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“The Prayer”

*Arr. Armstrong*

§ Doxology UMH #94

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #710

**“Faith of Our Fathers”**

§ Benediction

*Pastor:* As we leave this place, let us depart in the assurance that God does not remain hidden in a cloud, concealed from us.

***People:* God is still among us!**

*Pastor:* Let us not gaze longingly at heaven for a sign.

***People:* God is revealed!**

*Pastor:* Let us glimpse the face of Christ in one another. Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit, who works in our community. Let us give glory to God our Creator, today and every day.

***All:* Amen.**

Benediction Response

“Three Fold Amen”

Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Eleanor Whitsett*

*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**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team

**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk

**Liturgist:** Bill Pittenger

**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Facetime Hosts:** Jan Mace & Teresa Field

## Announcements

- **JD needs volunteers** for LOVE Rockford's 2<sup>nd</sup> event on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Call Nitro Starling at (815) 627-0001 to volunteer.
- **Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month.** We will collect any donations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Appeal, which benefits United Voices for Children.
- **The church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.**
- **Dave Risley has a wide assortment of SCRIP cards** to local grocery retailers (Pinnon, Woodman's, Walmart, Meijer) for your last minute Memorial Day needs.
- **Starting Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>,** Jack Armstrong will offer FREE voice lessons in the choir room at 6 p.m.
- **The Blessing of the Pets** will take place on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.
- **The United Women in Faith are holding their Summer Picnic** on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 Noon at Rock Cut's Equestrian Campground off of Hart Road.
- **Pentecost is next Sunday, so remember to wear RED!**
- **Rockford AGO's POE+ Concert Series** begins with a free-will offering concert featuring organist Isabelle Demers at Holy Family at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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