

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



SMALL STEPS TOWARD BIG STRIDES!  
"IT'S A GOD THING"

*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.

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 10, 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

“Pastorale”

*Don Michael Dice*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* God our Provider, we walked into church today needing you in different ways.

***People:* Some of us need strength because we are facing a big challenge.**

*Leader:* Some of us need hope, because we feel like giving up.

***People:* Some of us need love, because we are feeling alone.**

*Leader:* We trust that you will provide for us, whether through words or music, or in a quiet moment of reflection.

***All:* You are here; you are with us. Amen.**

—Carol Penner, *Leading in Worship* website, [carolpenner.typepad.com](http://carolpenner.typepad.com)

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #717**

**“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” / “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:23-32

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

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for The People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

*James L. Crow*

Processional Hymn, UMH # 191, vs. 1

“Jesus Loves Me”

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

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

*Author Unknown*

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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

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

Message

“Small Steps Toward Big Strides!: It’s a God Thing”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD**

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Für Elise”

*Beethoven*

*Presented by Javier Martinez Gallegos*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth**

**“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

**Written by *Hillsong***

§ **Benediction**

Go forth, relying upon the Lord to stand by you and give you strength to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith, this day forward and forevermore. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Deep Peace”

*Sexton*

Postlude

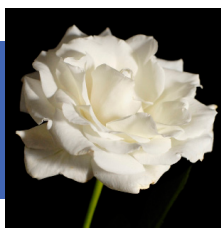
“Postlude in the Early American Style”

*Lani Smith*

*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 by Bruce & Nancy Shindel in loving memory of  
Nancy’s mother, Dorothy Loehr

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team

**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk

**Liturgist:** Curly Thompson

**Van Driver:** Curly Thompson

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Kaylee Bulliner

**Facetime Hosts:** Barb & Gene Ferry

## Announcements

- **From now until Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, we will collect women's undergarments for Remedies Renewing Lives.** Please donate in the Narthex drop box new or gently used bras in a variety of sizes (including C cup, D cup, and larger) and new underwear in sizes Large, Extra Large, 1X, and 2X.
- **Contact Nancy Shindel if you can volunteer to help serve Communion.**
- **Please submit your written hopes, concerns and suggestions, particularly in response to the RMTD Expansion Project, to the Ad Hoc Committee.**
- **The Nurture Committee is organizing a Bowling Social for Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Don Carter Lanes.** RSVP with Georgalee George by Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet for teams is available; costs \$11 to bowl. Don't bowl? Come and buy lunch and watch others play on the lanes. Bring friends!
- **Prime Day is July 12-13.** To learn more about the AmazonSmile program and how your shopping supports Court Street, visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2167042](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2167042).
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at The Olympic Tavern on Thursday, July 14<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, July 13<sup>th</sup>. REMEMBER: SCRIP sells gift cards to The Olympic Tavern.
- **The deadline for the August newsletter (*The Chimes*) is Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Professor Steven Wentz (Concordia University Chicago) will perform an organ recital for the conclusion of this year's Summer Concert Series at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.** No admission fee, donations benefit the Organ Renovation Project.

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