

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



SMALL STEPS TOWARD BIG STRIDES!  
"FACING THE FACTS"

*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.

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 17, 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

“Aria”

*Donald Moore*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* People of God, the Lord is merciful!

***People:* God forgives our sin and pardons all our debts.**

*Leader:* People of God, the Lord is good!

***People:* God restores us to the way of salvation.**

*Leader:* People of God, the Lord is love!

***People:* God revives our spirit so that we may rejoice.**

*Leader:* People of God, the Lord is faithful!

***People:* God speaks so that we may follow.**

*Leader:* People of God, the Lord is righteous!

***All:* God’s glory fills this place. Let us worship the Lord our God!**

—Based on Psalm 85

### § Opening Hymn UMH #557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10-4:11

*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

Titus 3:4-7

*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.**

Message

“Small Steps Toward Big Strides!: Facing the Facts”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“O Store Gud”

*Robert A. Hobby*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #559**

**“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

§ **Benediction**

Pardoned by God's abounding grace, empowered by God's constant love and protected by God's peace, let us go forth to serve God and others, always humbly aware of our own shortcomings, but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory and power, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

*Anonymous*

Postlude

“Converse”

*Robert A. Hobby*

*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 Sue Cram Team

**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk

**Liturgist:** Cindy Anderson

**Van Driver:** Jeff Mann

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Facetime Hosts:** Bruce & Nancy Shindel

## Announcements

- **Today is the last day 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.
- **The Nurture Committee has organized a Bowling Social for today from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Don Carter Lanes.** It's not too late to participate; it costs \$11 to bowl. Don't bowl? Come and buy lunch and watch others play on the lanes.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.**
- **Contact Nancy Shindel if you can volunteer to help serve Communion.**
- **We would like to know your hopes, dreams, concerns, suggestions, and questions regarding the future of Court Street's Congregation.** You may use the enclosed sheet to submit your comments or you may write a response to the church via mail or email.
- **The deadline for the August newsletter (*The Chimes*) was Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. You may submit through 8 p.m. tonight.**
- **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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