

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



SMALL STEPS TOWARD BIG STRIDES!
"THE MAIN 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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 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

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Processional in C”

Hal Hopson

§ Call to Worship

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

***People:* And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.**

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

***People:* And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.**

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

***People:* And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.**

Leader: As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to what can be instead of what is. For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

§ Opening Hymn UMH #405

“Seek Ye First”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Haggai 1:1-15

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

3 John 1:1-8

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!: The Main Thing!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

Presented by Curly Thompson (A cappella)

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #438**

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

§ **Benediction**

Jesus said the greatest thing we could do is to love God and love others. Go now and love — not with a love that is superficial or conditional, but with a love that is pure and generous. Go now and love. Love your spouses, love your friends, love your children, love your neighbors, love those who are easy to love and those who are not; love all. As God has loved you, this is how you should love. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, go now and love.

Postlude

“Rondeau”

Jean-Joseph Mouret

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 Gary & Darlene Dienhart in honor of their wedding anniversary on July 27th.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Liturgist: Dorothy Powell

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Lili Breson

Facetime Hosts: Diane Risley, Perky Heath, and Jan Mace

Announcements

- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting this Wednesday, July 27th 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 write your responses and then send them to the church via mail or email, or you may fill out the comment sheet that is available in the Narthex and submit it to an usher.
- **Professor Steven Wente (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 31st.** No admission fee, donations benefit the Organ Renovation Project.
- **Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the Month.** We will collect donations for the 5th Sunday Appeal, which benefits United Voices for Children.

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