

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



SMALL STEPS TOWARD BIG STRIDES!
"GOD'S MESSENGER!"

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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 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

“We Plow the Fields”

Joseph Prentiss

§ Call to Worship

Leader: A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

***People:* Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low;

***People:* The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

***All:* And all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

–Based on Isaiah 40:3-5.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #102

“Now Thank We All Our God”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-12

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

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 Peter 1:1-11, 16-21

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!: God’s Messenger!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“You Alone”

Kim Hill

Presented by Nancy Shindel

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #361**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

§ **Benediction**

Return now to your dwellings in the peace of God. Go to your workplace in the strength of the Holy Spirit. Go now to your world with the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude

“God of Grace”

Paul Manz

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 Sue Cram Team

Sound Tech: Tim Welk

Liturgist: Nancy Shindel

Van Driver: Bruce Shindel

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner

Facetime Hosts: DuWayne & Nancy Stanis

Announcements

- **United Women in Faith are currently selling mums and some other autumnal plants.** Order forms were mailed with *The Chimes*, but additional copies are now available in the Narthex and Church Office. Orders are due Tuesday, August 30th by 3 p.m. Please make checks payable to Court Street UMW.
- **Jeremiah Development requests clothing donations for their final LOVE Rockford events.** Please donate fall/ winter apparel for men, women, and children. This includes clothes and winter coats, hats, gloves, etc. **NO BOOTS OR SHOES.** Please donate to Room 109 by Sunday, August 28th.
- **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 Wentz (Concordia University Chicago) will perform an organ recital for the conclusion of this year's Summer Concert Series at 2 p.m. today.** No admission fee, donations benefit the Organ Renovation Project.
- **Today 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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