

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



*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.**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rally Day  
September 18, 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

“Do Lord”  
Presented by Jubellation

*Arr. Armstrong*

Remembering 9-11

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* From water and the Spirit, life is born.

***People:* Through water and the Spirit, new life begins.**

*Leader:* By water and the Spirit, eternal life is sustained.

***All:* Let us celebrate being born anew in Christ, and worship God!**

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #405**

**“Seek Ye First”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*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**

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*

### **§ Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

*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 John.

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

Message  
“The Impossible Becomes Possible!”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

*Arr. Armstrong*

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98**

**“To God Be the Glory”**

§ **Benediction**

God loves you and sends you out into the world to share the Good News of God’s love. Be, therefore, agents of change, mediators of reconciliation, heralds of good news. Amen

Choral Benediction

“Deep Peace”

*Sexton*

Postlude

“Trumpet Flourish”

*Leon Nelson*

*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.*

## **Rally Day Reception**



Altar flowers given by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Fund in memory of  
the beloved Les Thomas’ birthday, September 20.

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*We thank the following people for enhancing our worship:*

Jack Armstrong, *Director of Music*  
Court Street UMC Chancel Choir  
Kerri Taber-Birdwell, *Drums*

Andrew Mertenich, *Organist*  
Jubellation Bell Choir  
Krysta Tilges, *Bass*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team

**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk

**Liturgist:** Bill Pittenger

**Van Driver:** Jeff Mann

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Livestream Techs:** Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **CSUMC Book Club** will meet next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. to discuss *The Evening and the Morning* by Ken Follett. Contact Diane Risley for more information.
- **Youth Activities are scheduled to resume next Sunday.**
- **We're holding an ALL-CHURCH MEETING on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in the Dining Room at 9:00 a.m.** The discussion will focus on planning our future together. Since morning refreshments will be served, we ask that you RSVP to the office or sign up in the Narthex by Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Autumn is nearly here and that means falling leaves.** If you are looking to buy supplies to clean up yard waste or prep your garden for winter, consider using SCRIP cards for retailers like Menards, Lowe's, and The Home Depot.
- **If you haven't heard, Court Street has a weekly Adult Exercise Class.** Class starts at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Dining Room.
- **Currently, there are plans to hold the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.** It's a big undertaking but with a bigger impact on those in the community who cannot afford the time or expense or both of a traditional turkey dinner. If you are interested in volunteering, contact volunteer co-ordinator Bert Cromwell.

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