

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.**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 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

“Preamble”

Louis Vierne

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God’s love.

***People:* Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God’s Spirit.**

Leader: We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

***People:* A word that renews us again and again.**

***All:* Glory be to God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, who loves, saves and renews us.**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2158

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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.

Grandparents Day Sunday Photos

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

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 Luke.

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

Message

“Real Riches”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Follow Me”

Arr. John Carter

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

§ Benediction

God has given us the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Let us leave this place renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the church, the body of Christ, unlocking every barrier of injustice, hatred, greed and pride that keeps people from Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Three Fold Amen”

Postlude

“Festive Postlude”

Richard A. Williamson

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



Altar flowers given by Bert Cromwell in memory of her father Alex Riofredo and by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Fund in memory of the beloved Les Thomas' birthday, September 20.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The DuWayne Stanis Team	Van Driver:	Jeff Man
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Facetime Hosts:	Dorothy Powell, Nancy Doran, & Georgalee George	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **CSUMC Book Club** will meet TODAY at 2 p.m. to discuss *The Evening and the Morning* by Ken Follett. Contact Diane Risley for more information.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting Tuesday, September 27th at 11 a.m. in the library.** All are welcome to attend.
- **We're holding an ALL-CHURCH MEETING on Saturday, October 8th in the Dining Room at 9:00 a.m.** The discussion will focus on planning our future together. Since refreshments will be served, we ask that you RSVP to the office or sign up in the Narthex by Monday, October 3rd.
- **The Rockford area CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 16th.** To support Court Street's team online, visit events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/timothy-gorman. To get more info, to sponsor, or to walk, please contact Verlette Gorman.
- **Autumn is finally 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 buying 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 in October.

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