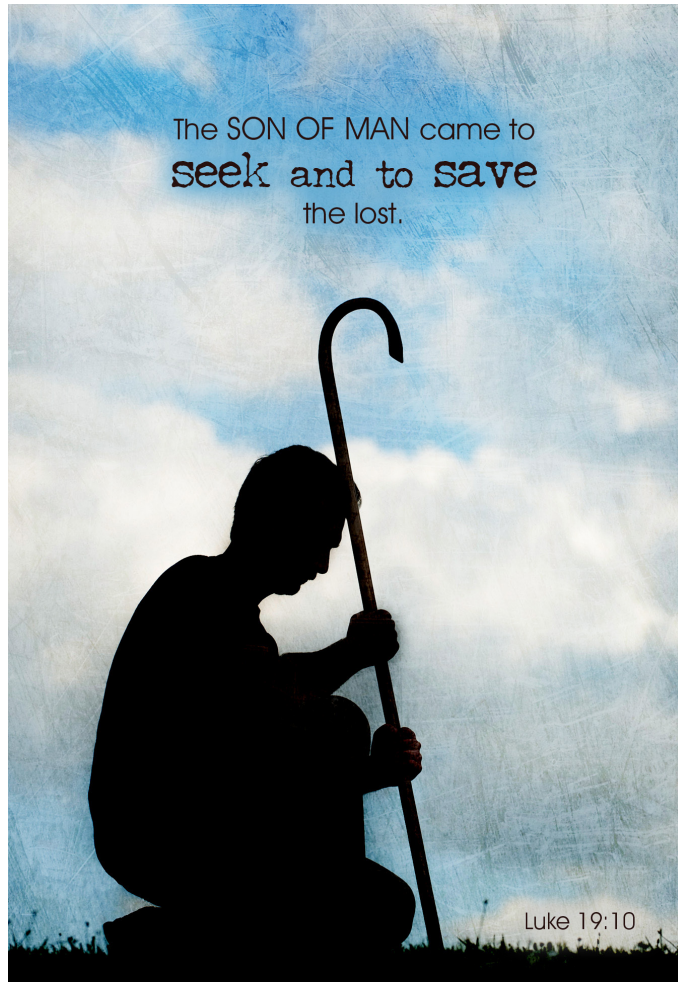


ORDER OF WORSHIP

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.**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Robert J. Powell

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: **We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.**

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: **We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.**

Leader: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

All: **Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2241

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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”

Presented by Kaylee Bulliner, Layla Lutmer, and Bionca Horton on Choir Chimes

The children are invited to come forward.

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

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

“Intended Identity”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“I'll Fly Away”

Courtney

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #110**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

§ **Benediction**

Like Zacchaeus, we hasten to climb a tree to see better and avoid the crowds. But Jesus calls us to come down and enter the fray and walk with him. Let us do so with grateful hearts that we are called to help – and we can. Go forth therefore from this place empowered by the love of God and grace of the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

Lutkin

Postlude

“Phantom of the Opera”

Andrew Lloyd Weber

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.

Please join us for one or both of our after service events.

Scott Laue from Savant Wealth Management will give a short presentation on how to give Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA.

Our Fun Family Fall Festival will run until 1 p.m. There will be Kids Games, Crafts for Adults, Ghost Stories, Food from Pinnon's, and folk Duo Trinadora!

A free-will offering of \$8 would be appreciated.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Van Driver:	Tim Gorman
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Lorelle Wandell	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Facetime Hosts:	N/A	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **TODAY we will collect offerings for United Voices for Children's 5th Sunday Appeal.**
- **Scott Laue from Savant Wealth Management will give a short presentation after service.** He will discuss how to give Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA.
- **We're holding our Fun Family Fall Festival after service.** There will be Folk Duo Trinadora, Kids Games, Crafts for Adults, Ghost Stories, and Food from Pinnon's. A free-will offering of \$8 would be appreciated.
- **Preparing for winter is easy when you have SCRIP Cards.** Gift cards to The Home Depot, Menards, or Lowe's can purchase lawn bags, rakes, leaf blowers, and anything else you need to clean up your yard.
- **Sunday, November 6th is All Saints Sunday.** If you have a name and photo to add to this year's list, please contact the office no later than Tuesday, November 1st.
- **Fire Chief Michele Pankow of the Rockford Fire Department will speak at the UWF meeting at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd.** All are welcome to attend. RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020, \$10 per person.
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends next week, so remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed next Saturday, Nov. 5th.**
- **This year's Advent Special Study book is *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton.** Please reserve your copy by Friday, November 11th. Large print available, price TBD.
- **Our Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** SPRC will meet in the Parlor at 5:45 p.m. Written reports are due Monday, November 7th.
- **We're holding our annual Thanksgiving Dinner!** If you are interested in volunteering, contact volunteer co-ordinator Bert Cromwell. If you can't volunteer time, donate winter wear in the Narthex, money, or, starting the week of Thanksgiving, food supplies like fresh pies, applesauce, and bottled water.

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