

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.**

Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 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

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude “Rondeau from *Abdezaler*” *Glenn Ringers*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the One who is, who was, and is to come. (Revelation 1:8)

People: **We come to worship the One who rules justly. (2 Samuel 23:34)**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Revelation 1:5)

People: **Bread of heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Matthew 1:23)**

Leader: Good shepherd, True vine! (John 10:11; 15:1)

People: **Eternal Word, great I am. (John 1; 8:58)**

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)

All: **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Revelation 19:16) To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:6)**

—Safiyah Fosua, and posted on Discipleship Ministry website, umcdiscipleship.org.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2234 “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading *Colossians 1:11-20*

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.

Noisy Offering

Concluding Hymn “Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)” *Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

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

“Victorious Vindicator”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Grace and Thanksgiving”

Anna Laura Page

Presented by JuBellation

§ 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

May you be strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. For he has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

—Based on Colossians 1:11-14

Instrumental Benediction

“Benediction”

Armstrong

Postlude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Arr. Joshua Evanovich

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 Bill & Betty Doran in gratitude of the support the congregation has shown them while they have been unwell

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Curly Thompson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Facetime Hostess:	Judy Mehren	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **Orders for Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti, Wreaths, and Pots of Greens are due TODAY** (may drop in offering plate). Order forms available in the Narthex. Make checks payable to UMW. Pick up your plants Saturday, Nov. 26th between 1 and 2 p.m. or after the service on Nov. 27th in the Chapel Narthex.
- **Donations for Jeremiah Development are due November 22nd**. They are asking for board games, gift wrap, tape, candy canes, and winter wear for children for their fourth and final LOVE Rockford of 2022.
- **Donations of handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center are due by Tuesday, November 22nd**.
- **This year's Advent study will be based on Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas***. The study will begin Sunday, November 27th after service in the parlor.
- **We're holding our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Turkey dinners are free, carryout/ drive through only, limit 2 meals per person. Consider volunteering, but if you can't volunteer time, donate winter wear, money, or, starting this week, food supplies like bakery-fresh pies, 3.5 to 4 oz. containers of applesauce, and bottled water.
- **The church will be closed Thursday, November 24th (except during the Thanksgiving Dinner) and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.**
- **Want to help a child who has a parent in prison have a more wonderful Christmas this year?** To learn more, contact Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree Representative following today's service in the Narthex.
- **Please join us Saturday, November 26th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Hanging of the Greens..**
- **Like last year, this year's altar poinsettias are open to donation in honor or memory of your loved ones.** The flowers will be displayed on the altar for the entire Advent season, beginning November 27th. Please contact the office by December 7th to establish a \$5 donation and dedication. Dedications will be published on December 11th.

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