

# 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.**

**Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 8, 2023**

Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
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

“As We Gather At Your Table”

*Joshua Evanovich*

### § Affirmation of Faith

*Leader:* Let us affirm our baptismal covenant together: Come to the water!

*People:* **From the waters of chaos, God brought order and life.**

*Leader:* From the waters of the flood, God preserved life, giving righteousness a new beginning.

*People:* **Through the waters of the sea, God led Israel out of slavery into freedom and the promised land.**

*Leader:* In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by God’s Spirit.

*People:* **By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ sets us free from sin and death.**

*Leader:* In the waters of baptism, we are claimed as Christ’s own.

*People:* **In the waters of baptism, we are reborn by the power of the Spirit.**

*Leader:* Let one and all come to the water! Let us meet Christ here and receive his new life in us.

*All:* **Amen!**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #157

“Jesus Shall Reign”

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

*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

*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

Matthew 3:13-17

*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 Matthew.

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

Message

“Baptism Of The Beloved”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Will The Circle Be Unbroken”

*Arr. Moore*

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #57, vs. 1-3**

**“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

§ **Benediction**

Go forth in joy, you beloved of the Lord.  
Make disciples, teach the faith, and above all,  
Delight in the Lord who is with you always,  
Even to the end of the age.

Choral Benediction

“Deep Peace”

*Bernard Sexton*

Postlude

“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*John A. Behnke*

*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 has been cancelled for this week.**



**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 Sue Cram Team

**Liturgist:** Karen Brown

**Van Driver:** Jeff Mann

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **If you need a ride to worship next Sunday, call (815) 988-2735 by 6:00 p.m. of Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Library.** All are welcome to attend.
- **The Nurture and Outreach Committee will meet at 12 p.m. in the Dining Room on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Tavern on Clark on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Everyone is invited to participate in our next All-Church Meeting, scheduled at 9 a.m. in the Dining Room on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.** Let us continue to plan for the future together. (PLEASE NOTE: UMM will not meet that morning).
- **The deadline for the February issue of *The Chimes* is Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.** Due to the weekend and holiday, submissions will be accepted through 9 a.m. of Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Andrew Mertzenich & Cody Skaggs are going to give a presentation after service on January, 15<sup>th</sup>.** They will discuss Estate Planning and how to make Funeral Arrangements.
- **Prairie North is holding a District Leadership Training session on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.** It costs \$10 to participate, runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon, and includes snacks. Participants will choose 2 classes out of 8 available. The event will be at Faith UMC, Freeport, IL. Registration: [www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training)

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