

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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.**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 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

WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Eleanor Whitsett

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, Holy God,

***People:* Giver of Life, Source of Hope,**

Leader: Present in all our questions,

***People:* Hidden in every “Why?”**

Leader: Holy, Holy God,

***People:* Walking through every valley,**

Leader: Wiping away every tear,

***People:* Blessing each precious memory,**

Leader: Letting pass each cry of anger,

***People:* Working for a new day and a renewed song;**

Leader: Holy, Holy God,

***All:* Giver of Life, our Source of Hope and Peace.**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2216

“When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

“Jesus Loves Me”

Presented by the Youth on Choir Chimes

Noisy Offering (Contributions benefit our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Reading John 1:29-42

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

“What Are You Looking For?”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Haydn/Hollis

Presented by Jubellation

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #133**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

§ **Benediction**

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls. Amen.

–Archbishop William Temple

Postlude

“Postlude”

Arnold Cooke

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



Today is Human Relations Sunday. If you would like to contribute to this special appeal, offering envelopes are available in the Narthex or from the ushers.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Van Driver:	Curly Thompson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Lorelle Wandell	Cameraman:	Andrew Mertenich
Acolyte:	Lili Breson	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson
Facetime Hostess:	Georgalee George		

Announcements

- **The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 16th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
- **The deadline for the February issue of *The Chimes* is TODAY, January 15th. However, due to the weekend and holiday, submissions will be accepted through 9 a.m. of Tuesday, Jan. 17th.**
- **Andrew Mertenich & Cody Skaggs are giving a presentation after service TODAY that will discuss Estate Planning and how to make Funeral Arrangements.**
- **CSUMC Book Club will meet next Sunday, January 22nd at Perky Heath's home to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.**
- **Waffles & Worship will resume Sunday, January 29th at 8 a.m. in the Dining Room.** Everyone is welcome to join this morning service filled with fellowship and food. Free-will donations are always appreciated, as are volunteers. Please submit your name and contact information to the office if you can assist with set up, food distribution, and clean up.
- **Prairie North is holding a District Leadership Training session on Saturday, January 28th. 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**
- **UWF is holding a luncheon in February on Wednesday, February 1st at 12 Noon in the Dining Room.** Lunch costs \$10, RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020. Dee Lacny, Executive Director for Rock House Kids, will give a special presentation. Make check donations to Rock House Kids or bring items from their current wish list (see flier in handicap foyer for details.).

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