

# 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.**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 22, 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

“Trust and Obey”

*Charles Callahan*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* In times of trouble and distress, God is always present with us.

*People:* **When we call out, God hears us.**

*Leader:* The name of the Lord brings comfort to heavy hearts.

*People:* **In God’s name alone do we put our trust.**

*Leader:* The Lord will help those who seek God.

*People:* **God will answer the prayers of the people.**

*Leader:* Some take pride in their might and accomplishments.

*People:* **We will boast in God alone.**

*Leader:* We rise and stand on the righteousness of God.

*All:* **Let us worship God who is faithful, merciful and just!**

—Based on Psalm 20

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2001**

“We Sing to You, O God”

## **WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

*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

“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 4:12-23

*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  
"Divine Destiny"  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Baptism of Thomas Geoffrey James Crow (*Please refer to your insert.*)

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Turn Back O Man"  
Presented by Chancel Choir

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§ **Doxology UMH #94**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #398**

**"Jesus Calls Us"**

§ Benediction

My friends, Jesus came that we might know what a life of love looks like.  
As you go from this place, go as a people renewed and restored with love  
in your heart to serve Christ and one another. Go forth as a people of hope. Amen.

Choral Benediction

"Go Ye Now In Peace"

*Eilers*

Postlude

"Lord, I Would Follow Thee"

*James C. Kasen*

*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 James Crow in honor of  
Thomas Crow's baptism.**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sue Cram Team	<b>Van Driver:</b>	Tim Gorman
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tim Welk	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Dorothy Powell	<b>Cameraman:</b>	Andrew Mertenich
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Kaylee Bulliner	<b>Livestream Techs:</b>	Krysta Tilges &
<b>Facetime Host:</b>	James Crow		Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **CSUMC Book Club meets TODAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. at Perky Heath's home to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.**
- **Waffles & Worship will resume Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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)
- **UWF is holding a luncheon in February on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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.).
- **Most people will never play in the Super Bowl, but anyone can play in Court Street's SOUPer Bowl.** All you need to do to become an MVP for Team Court Street is bring a can or more of soup for the Rock River Valley Pantry *on any given Sunday* from now until Game Day, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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