

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.**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 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

“In Remembrance (Evan)”

John M. Rasley

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We are the salt of the earth.

***People:* We preserve what is good and just.**

Leader: We arrest the decay that seeks to destroy what is good and right and just.

***People:* We are the light of the world.**

Leader: We penetrate the darkness with God’s life and love.

***People:* We make known what is hidden and shine God’s light in the shadows of our hearts.**

Leader: We are called to lives of righteousness.

***People:* Our lives are to be marked by humility, grace and peace.**

Leader: By our fruits shall the world know we belong to Christ.

***All:* We are salt! We are light! We are righteous! Let us live to the glory of God! Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #57, vv. 1, 3, & 5

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.

§ Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

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

“Pharisee Peer Pressure”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.
You may also follow along with the slides for today's communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“A Canon of Praise”

Natalie Sleeth

Presented by the Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #593

“Here I Am, Lord”

§ Benediction

God loves you and sends you out into the world to share the Good News of God's love. Be, therefore, agents of change, mediators of reconciliation, heralds of good news. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Dismiss Us From This Place”

Jones/Berman

Postlude

“According to Thy Gracious Word”

Gilbert M. Martin

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 Emily Kissane as a thank you to all of her friends.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Bruce Shindel
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Cindy Anderson	Cameraman:	Andrew Mertenich
Acolyte:	Ella Anderson	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges &
Facetime Host:	Gene & Barb Ferry		Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at the Backyard Grill & Bar on Thursday, February 9th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, February 8th. **REMEMBER: SCRIP sells \$10 gift cards to the Backyard Grill!**
- **This year's Lenten Study is based on *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* by Magrey R. de-Vega.** Please request your copy by Friday, February 10th so that the office can order that afternoon. Price TBD. *Don't have to join the study to request a copy or vice versa.*
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting Tuesday, February 7th at 11 a.m. in the library.**
- **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 12th.
- **Blanket Sunday is February 12th.** So prepare to throw your loose change in the blanket to benefit CWS. (But maybe set a few coins to the side for **Noisy Sunday, February 19th**.)
- **We're holding another ALL-CHURCH MEETING on Saturday, February 18th in the Dining Room at 9:00 a.m.** Surveys for sharing input ahead of the meeting are available in the Narthex.
- **Shrove Pancake Sunday: It's the Feast before the Fast.** Join us after service on Sunday, February 19th for a pancake lunch complete with sausage and all the trimmings.

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