

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

... ONE MAN'S ACT OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LEADS TO
JUSTIFICATION
AND LIFE FOR ALL.

ROMANS 5:18, NRSV

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.

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 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 “O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß” *J.S. Bach*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We come, God of unfailing love, to confess to you our sin and disobedience.

People: **In faith and trust, we also confess that you are indeed our eternal hiding place.**

Leader: We come, God of our security and peace, to confess to you our willful defiance.

People: **In hope and expectation, we also confess that you are our Guide and Advisor.**

Leader: We come, God of compassion and mercy, to confess to you our selfish desires and self-centeredness, asking that through your generous grace, you will bless us.

All: **In the confident assurance of God’s protective love and mercy towards repentant sinners, today we claim the joy that God gifts to us, knowing that we are blessed. Amen.**

—Joan Stott, thetimelesspsalms.net.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2020

“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 32

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 FWS #2129, vs. 1

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:12-19

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**

Message

“The Life-Giving Gift!”

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 Tree of Life (Wexford Carol)”

Starke/Biery

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #377**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

§ **Benediction**

Open the eyes and ears of our understanding, O God, to your presence, that we may enter into the fullness of life as creatures of yours, destined to some purpose, great or small, in the world. Send us out from this place sobered by the thought of you and encouraged by the knowledge that you are ever by our side, to help us and to give us the strength to do the things that you have asked us to do. Amen.

—Theodore Parker Ferris, *Book of Prayer for Everyman* (Greenwich, Conn: Seabury Press, 1962), 69.

Choral Benediction

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude “Rockingham Old (When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)” *Robert Buckley Farlee*

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

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Jeff Mann
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, Dorothy Powell	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **The CSUMC Book Club meets this afternoon, Sunday, February 26th at 2 p.m. at Jan Mace's home to discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng.**
- **This year's Lenten Study is based on Magrey R. deVega's *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* (Abingdon Press).** The study begins in the parlor after today's service. Contact the office for available copies to purchase, \$12 apiece.
- **Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for special mid-week services.** It's an opportunity to connect with God and other people while meditating on the lessons from Christ's ministry and His sacrifice on the cross. Services are a ½ hour and held in the chapel at 12 p.m.
- **Revive YOUR spirit by helping to plan Court Street's Summer Revival 2023.** Anyone interested (you do not have to be a member) is welcome to meet in the Church Library on Wednesday, March 1st, immediately following the Noon Lenten Service, for no more than an hour. If you cannot attend that day but are interested in helping, please notify Lorelle Wandell, (815) 637-6963 or Lori5772pep@msn.com. Looking forward to 'ignition!'
- **Hunter UMC is having a Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 4th.** This is a fundraiser for the North Boone Christian Food Pantry.

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