

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.**

Second Sunday in Lent
March 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 “O Bread of Life from Heaven” *Winston Cassler*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

***People:* Christ goes with us side by side.**

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

***People:* May our lives be focused with praise and care.**

Leader: As we sing, pray, and listen,

***People:* May God’s Spirit deep within us come alive.**

Leader: And may this time of worship,

***People:* Be for us a constant guide.**

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

***All:* As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2006 “Lord God, Almighty”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 121

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”

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

“Faith Factor”

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

“I Will Give Joyful Thanks”

Nolan

Presented by the Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

“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 #369**

“Blessed Assurance”

§ **Benediction**

Go forth with the hope of new beginnings.

Go forth with the trust of God's redeeming love.

Go forth with courage and live in the promise of eternal life.

Go forth to blossom and flourish in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude

“How Wondrous and Great”

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

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.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The DuWayne Stanis Team	Van Driver:	Bruce Shindel
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Liturgist:	Beverly Maus	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	Volunteers Welcome	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **Easter Tulip order forms and Garden Bazaar order forms were mailed with the March issue of *The Chimes*.** If you need additional copies, printed copies are available from the church office and in the Narthex.
- **The Nurture & Outreach Committee is having a busy day Tuesday, March 7th.** First, a portion of the committee will pass out hot chocolate to our neighbors at 10 a.m. Then at 10:30 a.m. **the Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet in the library** (all are welcome to attend). Finally, the whole committee will meet at 12 p.m. in the dining room to discuss future outreach projects.
- **This year's Lenten Study is based on Magrey R. deVega's *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* (Abingdon Press).** The study continues in the parlor after today's service. 1 extra copy available to purchase, \$12.
- **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.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at the Hope & Anchor on Thursday, March 9th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, March 8th.
- **CORRECTION FOR CHIMES: The CSUMC Book Club meets this month at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 26th at Diane Risley's home to discuss *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey.**

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