

ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

BOAST IN THE
HOPE OF PARDON
HOPE OF PEACE WITH GOD
HOPE OF GLORY

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 in Lent
March 12, 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 “Olivet (My Faith Looks up to Thee)” *Karl Osterland*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

***People:* Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and kneel before our Maker!

***People:* Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.**

Leader: O come, let us listen to God’s voice today!

***All:* For the Lord is a great God, and we are God’s people.**

–Based on Psalm 95.

§ **Opening Hymn FWS #2023 (sing 2x)** “How Majestic Is Your Name”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 95*

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 5:1-11

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

“Speak Up!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“A Place Called Home”

Joncas

Presented by the Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #361**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

§ **Benediction**

As we go forth from this place on our Lenten journey, let us be mindful that the cross of Christ calls us to rise to our greater selves. Pick up the cross, my friends, and follow faithfully this week in the footsteps of the one who has gone before: the one who is, who was and who forever shall be, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude

“O Blessed Spring (Berglund)”

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 DuWayne Stanis Team	Van Driver:	Curly Thompson
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Liturgist:	Cindy Anderson	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	Sue Cram	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **Additional copies of the Easter Tulips order form and the Garden Bazaar order forms are available from the church office during office hours, online, and in the Narthex.**
- **This year's Lenten Study, based on Magrey R. deVega's *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*, continues in the parlor after today's service. 1 extra copy available to purchase, \$12.**
- **A memorial service for Kay Pang will be held at Court Street on Tuesday, March 14th.** The service begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the University Club (945 N. Main Street).
- **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 should meet in the library on Wednesday, March 15th at 12:30 p.m. If you cannot attend but are interested in helping, please notify Lorelle Wandell at (815) 637-6963 or Lori5772pep@msn.com.
- **Noisy Offering is next week!** Again, we request you spare some change for this monthly donation drive that supports our outreach ministry Waffles and Worship. **Next W&W: Sunday, March 26th at 8 a.m.**
- **Next week is UMCOR Sunday.** Special envelopes will be available from ushers and in the Narthex for whomever wishes to support this appeal.

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