

# 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.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 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                      “Slane (Christ be My Leader)”                      *Arr. Franklin D. Ashdown*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:*     You are called to be the children of light.

*People:*     **We come to worship to be renewed in our faith that our light might ever shine.**

*Leader:*     The light of Christ is found in all that is good and right and true.

*People:*     **We gather for worship to do what is good and right and true to Christ.**

*All:*           **We come to worship to celebrate and give thanks to God. Let us lift our voices in praise!**

–Based on Ephesians 5:8-14.

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #398, vv. 1, 3, 5**

“Jesus Calls Us”

## **WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

*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.*

Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn FWS #2129, vs. 1

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

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*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord**

Message

“Shine On!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory      “They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”      *Scholtes; Arr. Geschke*  
Presented by Jubellation Bell Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #527**

**“Do, Lord, Remember Me”**

§ **Benediction**

As we depart from this place, may our eyes be illuminated, may we flee from all darkness and may our lives reflect the light of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Go in peace.

Postlude

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*Leonard Townsend*

*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

<b>Ushers:</b>	The DuWayne Stanis Team	<b>Van Driver:</b>	Tim Gorman
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tim Welk	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Lili Breson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Dorothy Powell	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Facetime Hosts:</b>	Judy Mehren	<b>Livestream Techs:</b>	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **We're collecting for the Noisy Offering today!** We ask that you toss whatever spare change you have into the silver buckets as they pass by your pew. Your donations support our outreach ministry Waffles and Worship. **Our next Waffles & Worship is Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. All are welcome to attend.**
- **Today is also UMCOR Sunday.** Special envelopes are available from ushers and in the Narthex for whomever wishes to support this appeal. UMCOR is a ministry within the United Methodist Church that provides aid and relief to folks affected by natural and man-made disasters here in the US and abroad.
- **The Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra is performing a Chamber Concert at Court Street today at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 apiece and available for purchase at the door.**
- **Additional copies of the Easter Tulips order form and the Garden Bazaar order forms are available from the church office, online, and in the Narthex.** REMEMBER: Easter Tulip orders are due **THIS Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **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.
- **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.

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