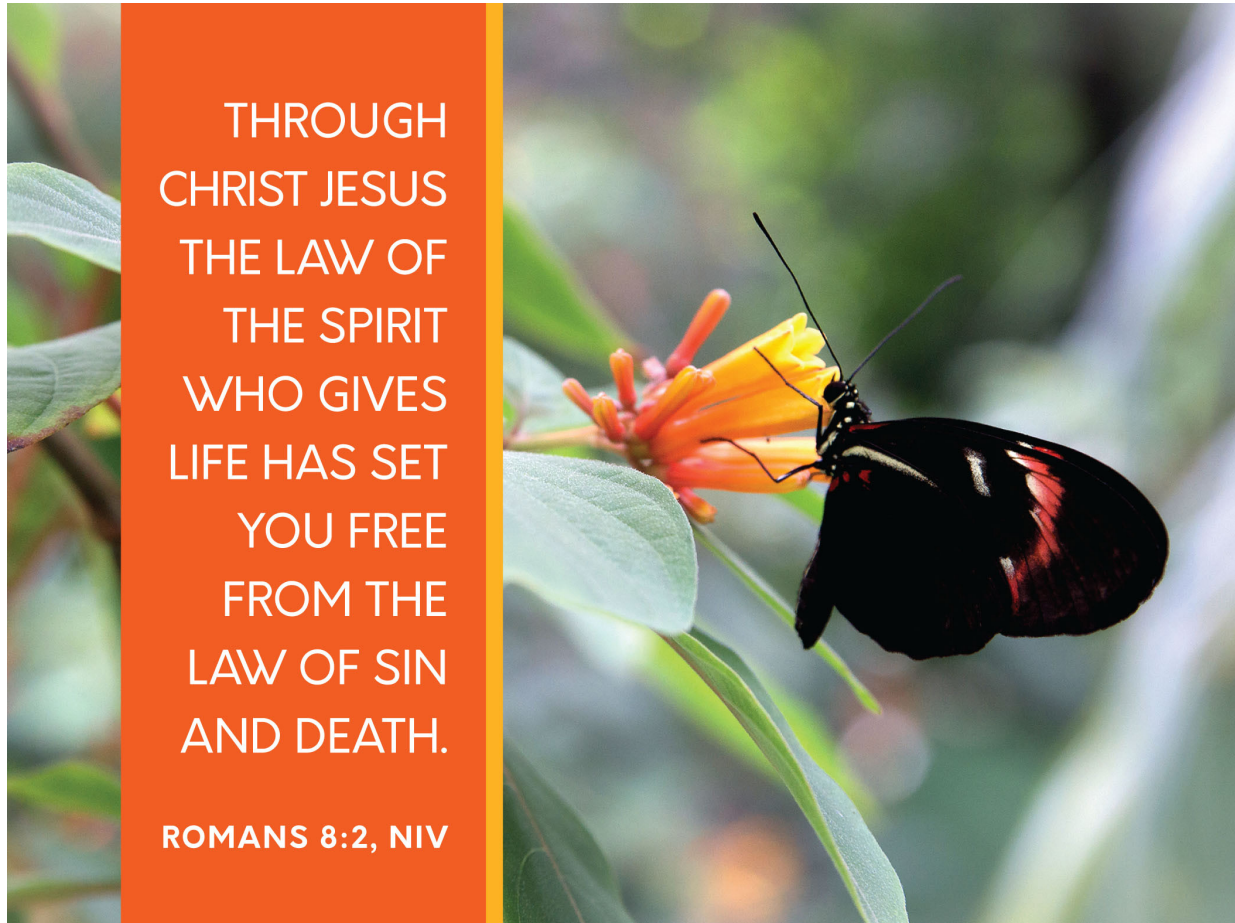


ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 in Lent
March 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 “Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 177” *J.S. Bach*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

***People:* Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Bring us your life and your peace.

***People:* Grant us your wisdom and your comfort.**

Leader: Grace us with your constant presence.

***People:* Open us to discern God’s leading.**

Leader: Empower us to follow Christ’s way.

***People:* Equip us to do your will, for we are your people.**

***All:* Come, Holy Spirit!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #295, vv. 1, 3, 5 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 130

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 8:1-11

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

“Life In The Spirit”

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 Jubilant Song”

Allen Pote

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #348**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

§ **Benediction**

We have gathered together as God's family, and now we leave this place knowing that the bonds of holy love keep us bound together. May Christ's love for us and all the world flow through our living, so that the world will know we are one, and that God's ‘Spirit always goes with us to all the world. Amen.’

Choral Benediction

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

Albert Zabel

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:	Jeff Mann
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Liturgist:	Beverly Maus	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	Volunteer(s) Welcome	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **UWF is holding a luncheon on Wednesday, April 5th at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.** Lunch costs \$10, RSVP to Donna Dow by April 2nd at (815) 963-3020. Joan Lodge, Administrator of Adult Community Mental Health at Rosecrance, will give a special presentation. Make check donations payable to Rosecrance or bring items from their donation list (see flier in handicap foyer for details.).
- **Additional copies of the Garden Bazaar order forms are available from the church office, online, and in the Narthex.** REMEMBER: Orders are due Friday, April 14th.
- **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.**

Holy Week Services

- **Palm Sunday** April 2, 2023 (Sanctuary, 10 AM)
Presentation of the Easter Cantata by our Chancel Choir. Presenting Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* with guest musicians under the direction of Jack Armstrong.
- **Maundy Thursday** April 6, 2023
Worship Service in the Chapel at 6 PM
- **Good Friday** April 7, 2023 (Chapel, 12 PM)
Special Tenebrae or Service of Darkness
- **Mid-Week Lenten Service** April 5, 2023
Half-hour service in the Chapel at 12 PM
- **Easter Sunday** April 9, 2023 (Sanctuary, 10 AM)
Alleluia! Christ Has Risen! Join us for a Resurrection Celebration.

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