

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

... he has given us a new birth
into a **LIVING HOPE**
through the **RESURRECTION**
of **JESUS CHRIST**
from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3, 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.**

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please continue to social distance; Masks may be worn at your discretion.
Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Prelude on St. Flavian”

Michael Joseph

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, let us approach worship today with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

People: **With our hearts sprinkled clean from a guilty conscience and our mind washed with pure thoughts.**

Leader: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,

People: **For he who has promised is faithful.**

Leader: Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

People: **Let us encourage one another as we meet together today.**

All: **Praise the Lord! Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #98

“To God Be the Glory”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14a; 22-32

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

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

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

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

Capital Improvements Campaign Presentation

Gene Ferry

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

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

“Resurrection Hope”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Impromptu”
Presented by Jack Armstrong

Schubert

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #303**

“The Day of Resurrection”

§ **Benediction**

You have been given love to cherish others, hope to encourage others, faith to believe in others, wisdom to teach others. Go, now, as loving, encouraging, believing and teaching servants of God to an expectant world. Amen.

Musical Benediction

“Amen”

Postlude

“Truro (Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing!)”

J. Wayne Kerr

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



Altar flowers given by the Robert Henbest bequest in loving memory of Sandy Hoke

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Van Driver:	Bruce Shindel
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Liturgist:	Curly Thompson	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	Judy Mehren	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **The deadline for the May Chimes was yesterday, Saturday, April 15th.** Since the deadline fell on a weekend, submissions will be accepted through 9 a.m. of Monday, April 17th.
- **We're collecting the Noisy Offering today!** We request you spare some spare change for this monthly donation drive. Your nickels and dimes support our outreach ministry **Waffles and Worship**, which combines a contemporary worship service with a free warm breakfast on the last Sunday of every month.
- **Jeremiah Development is holding their first LOVE Rockford event of the year next Saturday, April 22nd.** This outreach event will focus on Senior and Veteran health and will offer food, music, haircuts, and information from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our dining room and youth center.
- **The CSUMC Book Club meets next afternoon, Sunday, April 23rd at 2 p.m. at Dorothy Powell's home (4288 Uram Lane) to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.**
- **Next Sunday is Native American Ministries Sunday.** Special envelopes will be available from ushers and in the Narthex for whomever wishes to support this appeal.
- **Lorelle Wandell will lead a Liturgist Training Session, roughly 30 minutes long, after service on Sunday, April 23rd.**

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