

# 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.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 23, 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

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## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude

“I am the Bread of Life”

*Ron Schmoltze*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Rise and greet the morning.

*People:* **Cast off your sleep and doubt.**

*Leader:* Arise, meet the risen Christ

*People:* **Who comforts our grieving hearts,**

*Leader:* Who encourages our faltering steps,

*People:* **Who splinters us with laughter,**

*Leader:* Who wrinkles us with compassion,

*People:* **Who raises us to heaven.**

*Leader:* Rise, sing your praise!

—Sourcebook of Worship Resources, Communication Resources, Inc., 1994

### § Opening Hymn UMH #376

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

*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.**

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

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

*Author Unknown*

Capital Improvements Campaign Presentation

*Mike Davis*

§ Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

*Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.*

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

“Steps Along the Journey”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Look At The World”  
Presented by Chancel Choir

*Rutter*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #315, vv. 1, 3, & 5** **“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

§ **Benediction**

As you go from this place, my friends, remember this: No matter where you walk, God is with you. As you travel through the deepest valleys and struggle to climb the highest mountain, Christ walks with you. Take heart in the fact that, wherever you go, Christ has been. So shall it ever be. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Christ Be With Me”

*Keveren*

Postlude

“Postlude on Duke Street”

*Wilbur Held*

*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 & Liturgist Training Session**



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

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sue Cram Team	<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jeff Mann
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Stan Tunell	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Lili Breson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Karen Brown	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Facetime Hosts:</b>	Barb & Gene Ferry and Perky Flynn-Heath	<b>Livestream Techs:</b>	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **The CSUMC Book Club meets this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Dorothy Powell's home (4288 Uram Lane) to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.**
- **Today we are collecting for Native American Ministries Sunday.** Special envelopes are 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 today's service.**
- **Our next Waffles and Worship service will be held next Sunday (April 30<sup>th</sup>) at 8 a.m. in the dining room.** All are welcome to attend this contemporary-styled service built around fellowship and food.
- **The Waffles & Worship Ministry needs folks to work in the kitchen and dining room from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., particularly in after-service cleanup.**
- **There will be an Organ Alumni Recital at NIU's Boutell Memorial Concert Hall (DeKalb, IL) at 7 p.m. tonight.** Admission is free and the concert features performances by Matt Doran, Marianne Kim, and Josh Ring.
- **Revive YOUR spirit by helping to plan Court Street's Summer Revival 2023.** Anyone interested should meet in the library on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.
- **Next Sunday we will collect the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Appeal for United Voices for Children.** Special envelopes are available from ushers and in the Narthex for whomever wishes to support this appeal.
- **Next Sunday we will mark National Child Abuse Awareness Month with literature of statistics gathered by the Domestic Violence Subcommittee.**
- **The Garden Bazaar needs bakers for its accompanying Bake Sale.** Starting next Sunday, Diane Lutmer and Bert Cromwell will have bakers boxes for all your yummy goodies for May 19<sup>th</sup>'s sale.

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