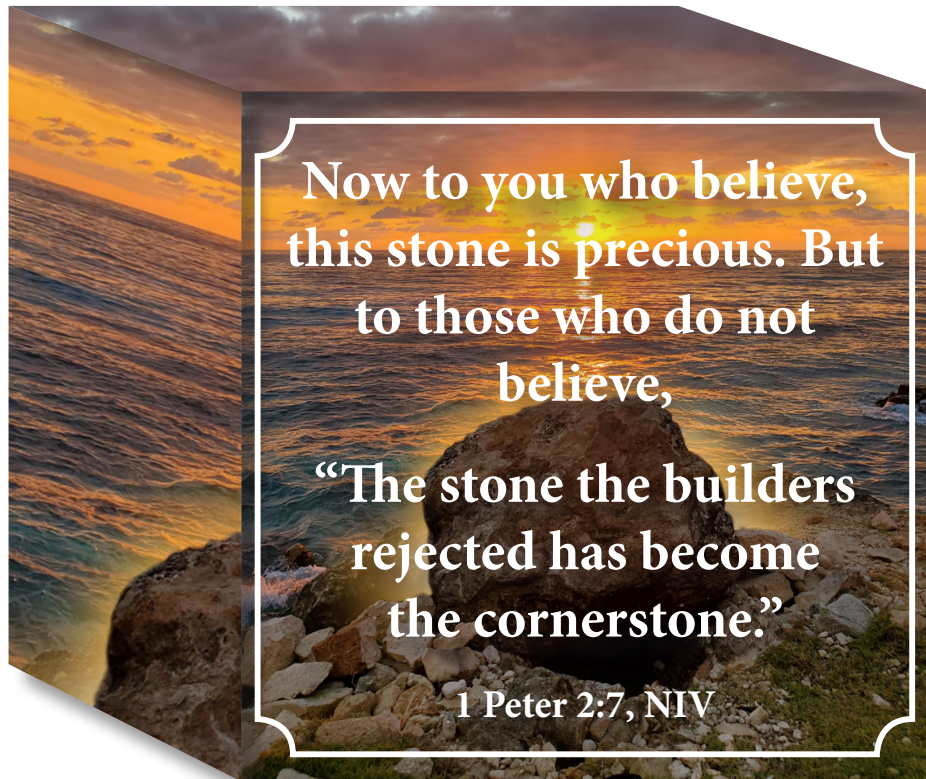


ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 of Easter
May 7, 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

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

§ Call to Worship (The Apostles’ Creed)

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #545

“The Church’s One Foundation”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Capital Improvements Campaign Presentation

Joan Tunnell

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

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

§ Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

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 John.

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

“Enough!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.
You may also follow along with the slides for today's communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

Hopson

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.
The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

§ Benediction

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood — Do you believe it?

We are a holy nation, God's own people — Will you live it?

The Lord is good; the pure milk of the Spirit flows freely — Let us be nourished by it.

May the grace and mercy of God go with us from this place. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Go Ye Now in Peace”

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Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful”

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 in honor of Rev. Richard Wang's brother,
Donald T. Wang, by Rev. Dick and Jeanine Wang.**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Curly Thompson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Liturgist:	Rev. Dick Wang	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, & Dorothy Powell	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **The Garden Bazaar needs bakers for its accompanying Bake Sale.** Diane Lutmer and Bert Cromwell will have bakers boxes for all your yummy goodies in the Narthex after today's service.
- **Contact Sue Cram to volunteer to set up, run, and clean up after this year's Garden Bazaar.** There is plenty to do on Thursday and Friday, May 18-19. Also, don't forget to pick up your orders on Thursday, May 18th between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Deliveries will go out that afternoon.
- **There will be no adult exercise class on Tuesday, May 9th.**
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Baker Street Burgers on Thursday, May 11th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, May 10th.
- **The Bishop's Appeal for this year's annual conference is a request for donation items used to assemble personal dignity kits.** Many hygiene products go into these kits: an individually-wrapped toothbrush, a bar of soap, bath towels, etc. We request you donate the items, listed on the poster in the handicap vestibule, to the drop box in the Narthex now until the beginning of June. Items will be taken to the conference for final donation.
- **During the month of May, we're collecting donations of peanut butter (and jelly) for the Rock River Valley Pantry.**
- **Mother's Day is coming up on May 14th.** Surprise your mother with a gift card to her favorite retailer or cover the cost of the afternoon's lunch with a restaurant card purchased from the SCRIP table. There are many options for gift giving, and sales help raise money for the church.

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