

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.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day
May 14, 2023**

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you...

People: **for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world.**

Leader: We thank you...

People: **for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same.**

Leader: With gratitude...

People: **we remember their words of encouragement and kindness when we have felt unsure or afraid;**

Leader: We thank you...

People: **for their comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears;**

Leader: We thank you...

People: **that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs;**

Leader: We thank you...

People: **for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths.**

All: Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ.

Adapted from The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn's 'Opening Prayer',
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/today-we-celebrate-our-mothers>

§ Opening Hymn UMH #101

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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.**

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.

Mother's Day Recognitions

Concluding Hymn

"Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)"

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

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.

Message

"A Mother: A Gift from God"

Lorelle Wandell

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Prayer – The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

Arr. Coates

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Consecration of Capital Improvements Campaign Pledge Cards

Rev. Richard A. Wang

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98**

"To God Be the Glory"

§ Benediction

May God, who has guided you, protected you, consoled you, wept and celebrated with you as a mother does, bless you now and sustain you until we meet again. Amen.

Choral Benediction

"Go Ye Now in Peace"

Eilers

Postlude

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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.



Altar flowers given by Bert Cromwell in gratitude for our dedicated congregation.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Bruce Shindel
Sound Tech:	Stan Tunnell	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Liturgist:	Nancy Shindel	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Facetime Hosts:	No Facetime Today	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **The Garden Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Friday, May 19th.** Rain or shine, a lovely selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, and other plants available for purchase will line the church sidewalk. Inside the Chapel Narthex, yummy baked goods will be for sale. If you placed an order for plants in advance, please pick up your order between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 18th.
- **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. You may also help by donating empty cardboard boxes.
- **The Bishop's Appeal for this year's annual conference is a request for donation items used to assemble personal dignity kits.** We request you donate the hygiene products, listed on the poster in the handicap vestibule, to the drop box in the Narthex now until the beginning of June.
- **During the month of May, we're collecting donations of peanut butter (and jelly) for the Rock River Valley Pantry.** Drop your donations into the barrel in the Narthex.
- **Tis the season for graduations.** Surprise your graduate with a SCRIP card to his or her favorite retailer. There are many options for gift giving, and sales help raise money for the church!
- **Speaking of graduates – if you have one in the family this year, let the office know by Tuesday, May 30th.** We will recognize graduates of 5th grade, 8th grade, high school, and college on Children's Sunday, June 11th.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet in the Library at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd.**
- **The deadline for the June Chimes is tomorrow, Monday, May 15th.**
- **Due to Memorial Day weekend, the CSUMC Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 21st at 2 p.m.**

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