

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

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.**

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 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart” *Don Hustad*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, your Spirit hovered on the waters as you made the earth.

People: **Your Spirit breathed life into human beings.**

Leader: The Spirit inspired prophets to speak out against injustice;

People: **It sang praises and laments with the psalmist.**

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, we knew him through the descent of the Spirit.

People: **When flames danced among the disciples, the church came into being.**

Leader: Your Spirit guided the journeys of Peter and Paul;

People: **It moves among us today, molding us into one body out of many.**

Leader: Let us praise the work of the Holy Spirit!

§ Opening Hymn “Atherton” *Arr. Andrew Mertzenich*

Presented: “In Celebration of 5 Years Together”

Lyrics: “For the Beauty of the Earth” by Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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*

Youth Choir on Handchimes “When the Saints Go Marching In” *Arr. Jack Armstrong*

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21
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
“Friendly Fire!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” *Arr. Moore*
Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #620** **“One Bread, One Body”**

§ **Benediction**

May the winds of the Spirit set your feet to dancing.
May the fire of Pentecost fill you with holy energy.
May the mighty surge of God’s power turn your world upside down.

Choral Benediction “Go Ye Now in Peace” *Eilers*

Postlude “Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist” [BWV 631] *J.S. Bach*
(Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost)

*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 Sandy Gregory Team

Sound Tech: Ryan Welk

Liturgist: Cindy Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Sue Cram

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella
Anderson

Announcements

- **The church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.**
- **The exercise class will meet Tuesday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the dining room but will then meet on Mondays (same time and location) during the month of June.**
- **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 on Children's Sunday, June 11th.
- **The visitation and memorial service for Karen Swenson will be held at Court Street on Friday, June 2nd.** The visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11.
- **The United Women in Faith (UWF) are holding their annual Summer Picnic at the Town Center at Wesley Willows on Wednesday, June 7th.** Please arrive between 11 and 11:15 a.m. Please also bring a white elephant gift or dollar store find (no more than \$1.25 value) to serve as a prize for the event's games. RSVP to Donna Dow ASAP at (815) 963-3020.
- **Confirmation Sunday is next week.** We will confirm this year's confirmands: Lili Breson, Kaylee Bulliner, and Layla Lutmer.
- **The next Special Sunday appeal is for Peace with Justice Sunday on Sunday, June 4th.**
- **Thank you for donating all of those hygiene products for the Bishop's Appeal.** Many donations have already been combined to form completed dignity kits, but you are still welcome to donate items through Sunday, June 4th.

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