

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

June 11, 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

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## **WE GATHER to be NURTURED**

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude

Pastorale on “Brother James’ Air”

*Dennis R. Johnson*

### **§ Call to Worship**

**Led by *Carter Anderson***

*Leader:* Children of God welcome!

***People:* Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

*Leader:* Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

***People:* God invites all of us to be part of the beloved community.**

*Leader:* God invites all of us to share in the good news.

***People:* We are welcome just as we are loved.**

*Leader:* In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2002**

**“I Will Call upon the Lord”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading (Read by *Kaylee Bulliner*)

1 John 3:1-3

*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*

## Recognition of Graduations and Educational Advancements

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Presentation by Lydia Ludington, *Experiences in College*

Presentation by Alex Ludington, *Experiences in High School*

Recognition of This Year's Graduates

### WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Minuet In G"

*J.S. Bach*

Presented by *Nihit Girish*

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #710

"Faith of Our Fathers"

§ Benediction

Presented by *Ella Anderson*

I am a child of God, and no one can take that away. There's nothing I can do to make God love me less or more. I don't have to hurry or worry; I can rest in the love of my heavenly father and let my courage and kindness be a gift to others. Amen.

Postlude

"Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"

*Jeffrey Honoré*

*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

*Congratulations to this year's graduates; we are proud of your accomplishments.*

*Thank you to the youngest members of the congregation for leading us in worship today.*

*Thank you to Nihit Girish for sharing his musical talents with us.*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team  
**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
**Livestream Techs:** Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson  
**Facetime Hosts:** Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, & Dorothy Powell

## Announcements

- **The exercise class will meet on Mondays during the month of June at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room.**
- **The ECHO Ringers are holding their *June Medley* concert at SecondFirst Church this afternoon at 3 p.m.**
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting TOMORROW, Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Library.** All are invited to attend.
- **Our next All-Church Meeting is Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.** Please join us at 9 a.m. in the Dining Room to learn more about where current projects stand and to discuss ideas for future projects.
- **Last week we collected for Peace with Justice Sunday.** Special donation envelopes are still available in the Narthex (on the kitchenette counter) for anyone who wishes to support this appeal.
- **This year's Blessing of the Pets is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** Expect the brief service to be held on the outside sidewalk unless inclement weather dictates otherwise. You may bring your pet(s) or a photo of your pet(s) to have blessed.
- **Don't forget SCRIP cards make excellent gifts for graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, and fathers.** They can also be used to buy items needed for holiday parties and summer lawn care.
- **Christ UMC (4509 Highcrest Road) is holding another *TA DA! A Celebration of Quilts and Fabric Creations* event this year.** Join quilters and other fabric artists on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to share projects, enjoy refreshments and fellowship, and purchase gift items. Proceeds benefit the UWF.

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