

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 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

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

John Ferguson

§ Call to Worship

Call: Call on the Lord! God inhabits our praise and hears our prayers.

Response: **You, O God, are good and forgiving, bighearted toward all those who ask for help.**

Call: We put ourselves in your hands with confidence and trust.

Response: **We depend on you from morning to night.**

Call: You know the number of hairs on our heads. You will not let us down.

Response: **No one is like you, God, and nothing compares to your greatness.**

Call: Your love is immense. You are slow to anger and quick to show kindness.

All: **You never give up on us, Lord. Thank you for your infinite mercy!**

—Based on Psalm 86, The Message.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2051

“I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:1-11

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.

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39

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 Matthew.

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

Message

“Commitment: No In Between”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Canon In D”

Pachelbel

Presented by Tim Welk

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #140**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

§ **Benediction**

May God, our Creator, breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning. May the Spirit of God breathe into us a new spirit and a new understanding. May the wisdom of God breathe into us new hope and a new awareness. And may all who hear the Word of God be blessed forever. Amen.

—Miriam Therese Winter, *Woman Prayer, Woman Song* (New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 1990), 36.

Postlude

“Waterlife”

David Christiansen

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

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Ushers:	The DuWayne Stanis Team	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Sound Tech:	Stan Tunnell	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Jeff Mann	Liturgist:	Karen Brown

Facetime Hostesses: Judy Mehren & Dorothy Powell

Announcements

- **The exercise class will meet on Mondays during the month of June at 9:30 a.m. in the dining room.** Tomorrow, Monday, June 26th, will be the last class held on a Monday.
- **Don't forget SCRIP cards make excellent gifts for graduations, birthdays, and anniversaries!** They can also be used to buy items needed for holiday parties and summer lawn care.
- **The CSUMC Book Club will meet TODAY at Karen Brown's home at 2 p.m. to discuss *The Return* by Nicholas Sparks.**
- **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 29th at 9:30 a.m. to share projects, enjoy refreshments and fellowship, and purchase gift items. Proceeds benefit the UWF.
- **The Nurture Committee has organized a Bowling Social!** Join us on Sunday, July 16th at Don Carter Lanes for 2 hours of fun. Check in between noon and 12:30 p.m. and bowl until 2:30. It's \$11 per person to bowl. Don't bowl? Come and buy lunch and watch others play on the lanes. Bring friends!
- **The church will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day.** The church will also be closed on Monday, July 3rd.

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