

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 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

“America, The Beautiful”

Eleanor Whitsett

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God’s presence is near to us in this place.

***People:* God’s presence is everywhere.**

Leader: God’s glory is near to us in this place.

***People:* God’s glory is everywhere.**

Leader: God’s love is near to us in this place.

***All:* God’s love is everywhere.**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2250

“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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 10:40-42

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.**

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.

Message
“Counting The Cost of Commitment”
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

“God Bless America”
Presented by Nancy Shindel

Irving Berlin

§ **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 #361**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

§ **Benediction**

We have gathered together as the body of Christ and have been fed, body and spirit, with the bread of life. Encouraged, nourished and strengthened, let us share the good news of the gospel. As you leave this morning, know that you go with the blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“His Truth is Marching On”

Raymond H. Haan

*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 the Fourth of July holiday weekend
by Tim & Verlette Gorman**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Diane Risley

Facetime Hostess: Joanne Muck

Announcements

- **The church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day.**
- **The exercise class will resume meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the dining room.**
- **The Fourth of July is just around the corner, and SCRIP cards are an excellent way to pay for all your holiday party supplies.** Purchase cash and carry cards for Woodman's, Pinnon's, Walmart, Target, or Valli Produce.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting on 7/11 at 11 in the library.** Everyone is welcome to participate.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Garrett's Restaurant & Bar on Thursday, July 13th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, July 12th.
- **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!

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday!

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