

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



## I. Armor of God: Belt of Truth

*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 AFTER PENTECOST**

July 9, 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

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## **WE GATHER to be NURTURED**

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude

“Processional on ‘Ora Labora’”

*Hal H. Hopson*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Liturgist:* Jesus said, “I am the door.”

***Community:* Through him we enter into a new life.**

*Liturgist:* Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

***Community:* We are enlightened by his presence and have the light of life.**

*Liturgist:* Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.”

***Community:* His word of truth shows us the way that leads to life.**

*Liturgist:* Jesus said, “I am the vine.”

***Community:* From him we branch out to do his work.**

*Liturgist:* Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

***Community:* Our souls are nourished by his word.**

*Liturgist:* Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.”

***Community:* He guides us and protects us. We look to the Good Shepherd to save us from evil and lead us to abundant life.**

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2062**

**“The Lily of the Valley”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

§ Gospel Reading

John 8:31-37

*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.**

Children’s Message

*James L. Crow*

Processional Hymn UMH # 585, vs. 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Concluding Hymn                    “Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”                    *Author Unknown*

New Testament Reading                    Ephesians 6:10-17  
*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**

“Armor Of God: Belt Of Truth!”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory                    “Beautiful City” from *Godspell*                    *Schwartz/Tebelak*

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #601**                    “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

§ **Benediction**

Pardoned by God’s abounding grace, empowered by God’s constant love and protected by God’s peace, let us go forth to serve God and others, always humbly aware of our own shortcomings, but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory and power, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude                    “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”                    *Thomas Pavlechko*

*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 by Nancy & Bruce Shindel in loving memory of Nancy’s mother Dorothy Loehr, upon the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dorothy’s birth.**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sue Cram Team	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Kaylee Bulliner
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Ryan Welk	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Tim Gorman	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Lorelle Wandell

**Livestream Techs:** Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

**Facetime Hostesses:** Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, and Dorothy Powell

## Announcements

- **The exercise class will resume meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the dining room.**
- **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 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **The deadline for the August issue is Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.** Due to the weekend, submissions will be accepted through 10 a.m. of Monday morning.
- **The Nurture Committee has organized a Bowling Social!** Join us next Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 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 and don't forget to sign up for a team in the Narthex!
- **SAVE THE DATE: Rockin' Rockford Revival 2023** – Monday through Friday, August 7 through August 11, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. Different guest pastors and musicians each night with no admission fee.
- **Want to volunteer to assist with the Revival?** We will need folks to greet, distribute water, distribute kid's activity bags, collect free-will donations, clean up, or fill in wherever needed that week. Contact the office to select a date and task.

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