

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



*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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 16, 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

“Open My Eyes”

*Arr. Charles Callahan*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Call:* So much of the time we are distracted by noise and chaos.

***Response:* Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.**

*Call:* We listen to so many other voices rather than turning solely to you.

***Response:* Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.**

*Call:* We know that your voice is truth and hope and life.

***Response:* Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.**

*Call:* We choose now to quiet our hearts and minds, to listen only to you.

***Response:* Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.**

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2115**

**“Christ Has Risen”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

*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 #585, vs. 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

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

Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

*Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
*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**

“Listen”

*Rev. Richard A. Wang*

**WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Canon in D”

*Johann Pachelbel*

Presented by *Javier Martinez*

§ Doxology UMH #94

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #431

**“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

§ Benediction

Lord God, through our speech and patient study, teach us words of mercy, that we may not judge; words of truth, that we may not be deceived by the propaganda of condemnation and war. Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

–Robert Dodaro Osa

Postlude “Assurance Waltz (“Blessed Assurance”)  
*Arr. Andrew J. Mertenich*

*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**

***Thank you to Javier Martinez for sharing his musical talents with us.***

***Bill & Betty Doran would like to thank Court Street for bringing them one of the lovely altar flower arrangements from last Sunday.***

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sue Cram Team	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ella Anderson
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Stan Tunnell	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jeff Mann	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Teresa Field

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

**Facetime Hosts:** Perky Heath and Barb & Gene Ferry

## Announcements

- **The exercise class has resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the dining room.**
- **The deadline for the August issue of our newsletter *The Chimes* was yesterday, 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 this afternoon 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.
- **A memorial service for Betty Seiter will be held at Court Street tomorrow, Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** A visitation will be held before the service from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
- **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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