

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Armor of God: Sandals of the Gospel

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 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

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Organ Sonata in G (K.328)”

Domenico Scarlatti

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Enter now the dwelling place of the Lord!

People: **The Lord is here! Praise be to God.**

Leader: Let us enter this place with joy and wonder, reverence and awe.

People: **We marvel at the beauty and majesty of God.**

Leader: We stand amazed at the display of divine power.

People: **God’s creativity and imagination inspire us!**

Leader: God’s strength is beyond compare.

People: **The Lord upholds all creation. Why would we be concerned about anything?**

Leader: We could speak all day about God’s faithfulness, goodness and mercy.

People: **We cannot forget God’s love, justice, peace, and salvation.**

Leader: We are just getting started! God is also patient and compassionate.

People: **God is holy. God is pure. God is true.**

Leader: Here we stand in the presence of the Almighty, sovereign God.

All: **Let us worship the Lord with praise and gladness!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #528, vv. 1, 3, & 5

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 9:11-18

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 # 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

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Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Message

"Armor of God: Sandals of the Gospel!"

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"

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 #404**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

§ **Benediction**

Go out, and make known the mystery of the gospel. Keep alert and pray at all times. Draw strength from God's power and so stand firm against all that would corrupt you. And may God arm you with truth and righteousness; may Christ Jesus give you words of Spirit and life; and may the Holy Spirit draw you near to God's presence and bless you with honor and grace. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Postlude

"Finale"

Robert J. Powell

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.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Stan & Joan Tunnell

Announcements

- **The Waffles & Worship Planning Committee is meeting in the Parlor today at 11:30 a.m.**
- **The exercise class has resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room.**
- **The Knitters will not be meeting in July or August.**
- **Remember: There are no Book Club meetings in July or August either.**
- **Our next Waffles and Worship Service is next Sunday, July 30th at 8 a.m. in the Dining Room.** All are welcome to attend this modern praise service filled with food and fellowship.
- **The church office will be closed Wednesday, August 2nd for the Yearly Staff Planning Session.**
- **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. Feel free to spread the word by taking copies of the fliers and event cards (located in the Narthex) for distribution.
- **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 or see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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