

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



## Armor of God: Shield of Faith

*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.

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 30, 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

“Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill”

*Franklin D. Ashdown*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Friends, let us approach worship today with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

*People:* **With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

*Leader:* Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,

*People:* **For he who has promised is faithful.**

*Leader:* Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

*People:* **Let us encourage one another as we meet together today.**

*All:* **Praise the Lord! Amen.**

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2117, vv. 1, 3, & 5**

**“Spirit of God”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-12

*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: The Shield of Faith!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Fly Away Home”

*Arr. McDonald*

Presented by *Jim Gibbons, Verlette Gorman,  
Diane Risley, and Lorelle Wandell*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #405**

**“Seek Ye First”**

§ **Benediction**

You have been called and now you are sent — sent into a future that is sure because it is God's future, even though you do not know where you are going. Go with courage and faith. There is nothing to fear, for God walks with you, ahead of you, behind you, above and below you. You belong to God. Amen.

Postlude

“Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”

*Flor Peeters*

*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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Altar flowers given by Lois Lander in loving memory of Truman, his mother Beatrice Johnson Lander, and her mother Della Aukes

# Court Street United Methodist Church

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

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| <b>Ushers:</b>     | The Sue Cram Team | <b>Acolyte:</b>    | Cindy Anderson |
| <b>Sound Tech:</b> | Ryan Welk         | <b>Video Tech:</b> | Steve Ripley   |
| <b>Van Driver:</b> | Tim Gorman        | <b>Liturgist:</b>  | Cindy Anderson |

**Livestream Tech:** Krysta Tilges

**Facetime Hosts:** *Volunteer(s) welcome*

## Announcements

- **Today we are collecting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Appeal for United Voices for Children.** Special offering envelopes are available from the ushers or in the Narthex.
- **We are currently collecting school supplies for the August LOVE Rockford event scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.** Please donate wide ruled notebooks, 24 count packs of crayons, 12 count packs of colored pencils, 12 count packs of washable markers, and plastic pocket folders in particular.
- **The Staff will be unavailable on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the Yearly Staff Planning Session.**
- **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.

## Court Street United Methodist Church Staff

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