

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Armor of God: Helmet of Salvation

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.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 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

“In Remembrance (Evan)”

John M. Rasley

§ Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, the Lord is merciful!

People: **God forgives our sin and pardons all our debts.**

Leader: People of God, the Lord is good!

People: **God restores us to the way of salvation.**

Leader: People of God, the Lord is love!

People: **God revives our spirit so that we may rejoice.**

Leader: People of God, the Lord is faithful!

People: **God speaks so that we may follow.**

Leader: People of God, the Lord is righteous!

All: **God’s glory fills this place. Let us worship the Lord our God!**

—Based on Psalm 85

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2145

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

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: Helmet of Salvation!”

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

Presented by Andrew Mertzenich

§ **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 #451**

“Be Thou My Vision”

§ **Benediction**

Children of God, you have believed and testified that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Go now in that faith, knowing that your salvation is secure. Carry with you the life and light that Christ has brought into your heart. Proclaim to your world that redemption is for all. May the Spirit lead you, guide you and continually remind you of these truths. Amen.

Postlude

“According to Thy Gracious Word (Dundee)”

Gilbert Martin

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 Rev. Richard Wang and Jeanine Wang in loving memory of Dick’s father, Harold S. Wang, who died on July 24, 1969 at the age of 62, and of Dick’s good friends, Rev. Carl Wilhelm Schevenius and Steven Wesley Barrick, who were born on the same day, July 27th, though years apart, and by Jeanine in honor of Rev. Wang’s 80th Birthday, which he celebrated August 3rd.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Van Driver: Jeff Mann

Acolyte: Lili Breson

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Liturgist: Bill Pittenger

Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Judy Mehren

Announcements

- **REMEMBER:** Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month during communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in our newsletter, *The Chimes*.
- **We are currently collecting school supplies for the August LOVE Rockford event scheduled for August 19th.** 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 solid colors. If you have children's clothing, JD would be grateful to accept them as well. Drop box is in the Narthex.
- **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. Free-will donations will benefit our Waffles and Worship Ministry and Jeremiah Development.
- **If you would like to help with the Revival, please check with Joan Tunnell, (815) 218-5786, to see which days and tasks are available.** If you are attending the Friday service and can stay and help the praise band tear down and store their instruments away, please let Joan Tunnell know.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Texas Roadhouse on Thursday, August 10th at 5 p.m.** Chatterbox is meeting 1 hour earlier so participants may have time to attend both the supper group and the Thursday Revival worship service. To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, August 9th. **SCRIP is currently selling Texas Roadhouse gift cards, normally a special order item.**

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