

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Armor of God: Sword of the Spirit

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 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

“Now the Silence”

Charles W. Ore

§ Call to Worship

Call: Oh, how I love your Scripture, Lord.

***Response:* I rejoice in all that you have revealed.**

Call: I ponder your Word all day long.

***Response:* It makes me wise and never becomes obsolete.**

Call: Your law guides my steps and keeps me from evil.

***Response:* I stay on the path you laid out, avoiding any detours.**

Call: Your directions never lead me astray.

***Response:* With your instruction, I understand the true meaning of life.**

Call: I hate false propaganda and deceit.

***Response:* But your Word, O Lord — your Word I love!**

—Based on Psalm 119:97-104.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #533

“We Shall Overcome”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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.**

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

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Ephesians 6:10-17

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Message

“Armor of God: Sword of the Spirit!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Simple Gifts”

Elder Joseph Brackett

Arr. Armstrong

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #152**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

§ **Benediction**

The Word Incarnate leads us out and into the world that we may embody his life to our family, coworkers, friends, and neighbors. Go in the power of God's Spirit to love as Christ loves us and to serve the world he came to save. Amen.

Postlude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Matt Limbaugh

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 the Gwen Thomas Memorial in
memory of Leslie Thomas who passed away on August 17, 1987**

Court Street United Methodist Church

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	

Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

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

Announcements

- **Jeremiah Development is holding their LOVE Rockford Children's Health Fair on Saturday, August 19th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** If you can volunteer for the event, contact Nitro Starling at (815) 627-0001.
- **We are currently collecting school supplies for the 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. **Submit final donations to the office by 12 Noon of Tuesday, August 15th.**
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting at 11 a.m. in the Library on Tuesday, August 15th.** All are welcome to attend.
- **Mum and autumn plant orders are due by 10 a.m. of Friday, August 25th.** The UWF is selling various colored chrysanthemums, choice of blue-colored or pink-colored asters, flowering kale, purple fountain grass, and purple-colored celosia, as well as 14 inch and 12 inch containers filled with a colorful mix of mums (see order form for combinations) or mums (choice of 1 color) and a grass (14 inch pot only). Order forms are available on our website, in the August newsletter (*The Chimes*), in the Narthex, and at the church office.
- **The UWF is resuming their afternoon luncheons in September.** Join them on Wednesday, September 6th at 12 p.m. as they welcome guest speaker Pastor Violet Johnicker of Brooke Road UMC. Pastor Johnicker will give a presentation on "The Church Involved in the Community." All are welcome to attend. \$10 per person. **RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020 by Friday, September 1st.**

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