

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Stay In Touch: Pray, Pray, Pray!

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.

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 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

If you would like to sing along with this morning's pre-service hymns, please locate "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (#404); "Here I Am, Lord" (#593); and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (#133) in the United Methodist Hymnal.

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

"Carlisle (Meditation)"

Charles Callahan

§ Call to Worship

Leader: As we rise in the morning, O God, may we don garments of your truth.

People: **May we wear the mantle of your protective blessing and shoes that will guide us on your path.**

Leader: May our every breath be a prayer, so that we might truly and fully proclaim the mystery of the gospel.

People: **It is through you and with you that we design our day.**

—M. Enid Watson, from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, Ruth C. Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi, eds. (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1990), 121.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #374

"Standing on the Promises"

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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.

Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn

"Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)"

Author Unknown

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

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

Message

“Stay In Touch: Pray, Pray, Pray!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “All Night, All Day with My Lord, What A Morning” *Arr. Russell Robinson*

Presented by Lorelle Wandell and Verlette Gorman

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #575**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

§ **Benediction**

May the God of all hope open your eyes.

May the God of all peace still your anxious mind.

May the God of all love fill your heart to fullness beyond measure.

Go now, in the hope and peace and love of God. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Postlude

“The Gift of Love”

Rebecca Groomtevelde

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

*We thank Lorelle Wandell and Verlette Gorman for
their musical contributions today!*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Tim Gorman	Liturgist:	Diane Risley

Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostesses: Joanne Muck & Sylvia Alden-Reuterfors

Announcements

- **Today we're collecting for the Noisy Offering.** On the 3rd Sunday of every month during the children's message, the youth pass by each pew with silver collection buckets. When they do, we request you spare some spare change in support of our Waffles and Worship Ministry
- **The Waffles & Worship Planning Committee is meeting in the Parlor today at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Neither The Knitters nor The Book Club nor Ad Council are meeting in August.**
- **Our next Waffles and Worship Service is next Sunday, August 27th at 8 a.m. in the Dining Room.** All are welcome to attend this modern praise service filled with food and fellowship.
- **Mum and autumn plant orders are due by 10 a.m. of THIS 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 containers of mums (see order form for color combinations for 12-inch pots); 14-inch pot is a choice of 1 mum color and a grass. 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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