

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



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.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 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 "I Love To Tell The Story" (UMH #156); "In Christ There Is No East or West" (UMH #548); and "I've Just Come from the Fountain" (FWS #2250) in your hymnals.

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "God Help The Outcasts" from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* Menken/Schwartz

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We have been called together as the body of Christ.

People: **We are one body, though we have many members.**

Leader: Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, and not the other way around.

People: **But not all members have the same function; we have different gifts.**

Leader: God calls us to use these gifts generously, maturely, and cheerfully to build up the body of Christ.

People: **Together we present ourselves in service to God and each other.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2022

"Great Is the Lord"

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-8

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

§ Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Message

“Moving Beyond Identity Crisis!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“For Good” from *Wicked*

Schwartz

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

§ Benediction

We are Christ's body, and individually members of one another. This identity does not cease when we exit these doors and disperse to our individual lives. We are united in ministry, even as we are sent to serve. We are equipped with unique gifts of the Spirit — generosity, compassion, leadership, teaching, and countless others. And we are called to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ. Go from this place committed to use your gifts to the glory of God. And know that the triune God goes with us. Amen.

Postlude

“Waltz in A Minor”

Chopin

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
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Van Driver:	Jeff Mann	Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell

Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Barb Ferry, Gene Ferry, and Perky Heath

Announcements

- **Mum orders can be picked up on either Saturday, September 2nd from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. or after service on Sunday, September 3rd.** All plants will be stored in the Sanctuary Narthex vestibules. If you requested delivery, you will be contacted in advance to arrange a drop off time.
- **Join the UWF on Wednesday, September 6th at 12 p.m. for a special luncheon.** Their guest speaker is Pastor Violet Johnicker of Brooke Road UMC. She 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.**
- **The church will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.**
- **Don't forget the SCRIP Committee has a wide selection of retail gift cards to help you with your Labor Day purchases.** Consider: Walmart, Amazon, Target, Woodman's, Pinnon's, and more.
- **Rally Day is on its way!** Rally Day marks the start of the new church program year and is set for Sunday, September 10th.
 - If you are part of the Chancel Choir or would like to join the choir this year, please meet with Jack Armstrong in the choir room at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 3rd. Sundays at 8:30 a.m. will be the new weekly rehearsal time for the Chancel Choir until further notice.
 - The Jubellation Bell Choir will begin rehearsals at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th. Jubellation will retain its Tuesdays at 6 p.m. rehearsal time until further notice. All adults are welcome to join this choir and learn how to play hand bells.
 - Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday the 10th, as will after-service youth activities.

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