

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE IN ACTION



COURT STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*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.

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 10, 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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*If you would like to sing along with this morning's pre-service hymns, please locate  
"I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry" (FWS #2051); "I've Got Peace Like  
a River" (FWS #2145); and "Take My Life, and Let It Be" (UMH #399) in your hymnals.*

## **WE GATHER to be NURTURED**

*Ring of the Bell*

Prelude

"Earth and All Stars"

*Arr. Wayne Wold*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Call:* We are gathered together in the name of Jesus, as the children of our loving God.

***Response:* May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Call:* We are sisters and brothers, the family of God.

***Response:* May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Call:* We don't always agree, but we look together toward our Savior.

***Response:* May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Call:* Today we strip away what divides us and embrace what unites us.

***Response:* May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

***All:* Holy Spirit, pour upon us the peace of Christ that we may live and love like him. Amen.**

**§ Opening Hymn UMH #357, vv. 1, 3, and 6**

**"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD**

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:8-14

*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.*

Blessing of the Backpacks/ Grandparents Day

Concluding Hymn

"Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)"

*Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

*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**

"Good Debt!"

*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 Good Gifts"

*Martin*

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #89

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

§ Benediction

Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so. Go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children to do God's work and God's will on Earth as it is in heaven, that in loving and serving one another the kingdom of God may come to this world through you. Amen.

Choral Benediction

"Deep Peace"

*Sexton*

Postlude

"Psalm 19"

*Benedetto Marcello, Arr. Diane Bish*

*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 DuWayne Stanis Team

**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk

**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

**Acolyte:** Kaylee Bulliner

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell

**Livestream Tech:** Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

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

## Announcements

- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the library.** Everyone is welcome to participate.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> we mark the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a special 10 a.m. worship service and an after service walk for awareness through the downtown area.
- **Don't forget the SCRIP Committee has a wide selection of retail gift cards to help you with your autumn lawn care needs.** Consider: Walmart, Target, Menards, Lowe's, and The Home Depot.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Fiesta Cancun on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **If you are part of the Chancel Choir or would like to join the choir this year, please meet in the choir room at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays for weekly rehearsal. The Jubellation Bell Choir meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.**
- **The deadline for submissions for the October issue of *The Chimes* is Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **SAVE THE DATE: Discoverers Book Sale & Art Emporium** Book & Art Sale Runs Saturday, October 7 through Monday, October 9. Hours & Location TBD. Please donate books, original artwork, or commercially purchased art for the sale throughout September. Drop Box Outside the Church Library.

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