

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



"Jesus,
Master,
have mercy
on us!"

Luke 17:13, NRSV

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 1, 2023



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.

**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

If you would like to sing along with this morning's pre-service hymns,
please locate "What Wondrous Love Is This" (#292); "Fairest Lord Jesus" (#189); and
"One Bread, One Body" (#620) in your United Methodist Hymnal.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

"Now the Silence"

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God of shelter, give refuge to those who suffer violence and abuse in unsafe homes.

People: **Bring your peace.**

Leader: God of deliverance, release those who are enslaved and controlled by their abusers, and give them sanctuary.

People: **Bring your freedom.**

Leader: God of compassion, defend the abused and the innocents who witness violence.

People: **Bring your hope.**

Leader: God of salvation, surround, guide, and heal those who abuse and bully others.

People: **Bring your light.**

Leader: God of perfect love, move us toward holiness in our relationships with you, with one another, and with creation.

People: **Bring your assurance.**

Leader: God of shelter and peace, deliverance and freedom, compassion and hope, salvation and light, perfect love and assurance, hear our prayer.

All: **Amen.**

—Susan Jackson Dowd, *Presbyterian Women Executive Director*
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/prayer-for-domestic-violence-awareness-sunday/>

§ Opening Hymn UMH #400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 56

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

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Luke 17:11-19

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 Luke.

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

Message

"Loud Faith!"

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

"Look At The World"

Rutter

Presented by the Chancel Choir

§ 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 #731

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

§ Benediction

Be fearless, speak the truth, proclaim Christ, live in love, go in peace. Amen.

Choral Benediction

"Deep Peace"

Sexton

Postlude

"There is a Fountain"

Arr. Don Hustad

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 are given in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is signified by a purple ribbon. Any donations placed in the white baskets today will benefit the Family Peace Center. Please join our congregation at 11:30 a.m. for a walk for awareness through the downtown area.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Tim Gorman	Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell
Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson			
Facetime Host: DuWayne Stanis			

Announcements

- **Today, we mark the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Please join us after service for a special walk for awareness through the downtown area. **We will also collect for World Communion Sunday.** Special envelopes are available from an usher or in the Narthex.
- **This month's Love Offering (collected in the white baskets) will solely benefit Rockford's Family Peace Center as we support the center's efforts to assist those suffering from domestic violence.**
- **Let us harvest a host of hallelujahs.** Join us after service next Sunday, October 8th for our Hallelujah Harvest. We're serving beef barbecue, cheesy potatoes, and yummy apple and pumpkin desserts. Jodi Beach and Jim McDowell will present music, and there will be seasonal activities. Free-will donations are appreciated.
- **Pastor Appreciation:** We will hold a special after-service reception on Sunday, October 15th in honor of Pastor Cal and Gwen and all they do to support us as a congregation. Feel free to bring cards or notes re-laying your personal gratitude.
- **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, Menards, Lowe's, and The Home Depot.
- **The Discoverers Book Sale & Art Emporium begins Saturday, October 7 and runs through Tuesday, October 10.** See poster in the handicap entrance for hours of operation. Sale will be held in the Youth Center.
- **YIKES!** The CROP Hunger Walk is just 2 weeks away (Sunday, October 15th). It's not too late to join the Court Street team, and it's never too late to support the cause. Donations primarily benefit CWS and are used by them to alleviate hunger throughout the world. For more information, speak with Verlette or Tim Gorman or visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/court-street-united-methodist-church>.
- **The UWF Baked Potato Bar originally scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd has been CANCELLED.**

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