

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.”

Matthew 21:43, NRSVUE

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (FWS #2158); "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (FWS #2050); and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (UMH #404) in your hymnals.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Reflections on the Spirit" *Arr. Joel Raney*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: I heard my name echoed in the canyons.

People: **We each heard our name whispered on the wind.**

Leader: I have been called by God.

People: **We are beckoned by grace.**

Leader: I am held in love.

People: **We are nurtured in faith.**

Leader: I have a message to share.

People: **We have Good News to tell.**

Leader: I lift my voice in thanks and prayer.

All: **We will raise our voices in song and praise.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #559 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading Philippians 3:4b-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.

Concluding Hymn "Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)" *Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

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

“Serving with Pleasure”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“As the Deer”

Nystrom

Presented by the Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #298

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

§ Benediction

Go forth from this place inspired to serve others 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 others the kingdom of God may come to this world through you. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“May The Peace of God Dwell In You”

Larson

Postlude

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

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.

Please join us downstairs in the Dining Room for our Hallelujah Harvest.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Sound Tech:	Stan Tunnell	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Andrew Crow

Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Cancelled: Please join us downstairs in the Dining Room for our Hallelujah Harvest

Announcements

- **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** If you did not get a ribbon bookmark last week, they are available in the Narthex. Special envelopes for **World Communion Sunday** are also available in the Narthex.
- **Join us after service in the Dining Room 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 next 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 relaying 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 began yesterday, Saturday, October 7 and will run through Tuesday, October 10.** See poster in the handicap entrance for complete hours of operation. Sale will be held in the Youth Center today from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- **YIKES! The CROP Hunger Walk is NEXT WEEK (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. The walk itself will take place at 1 p.m., departing from the Riverfront Museum Park (Discovery Center). 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 scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd has been CANCELLED.**

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