

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 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

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Kenneth Lowenberg

§ Call to Worship

Leader: All that we have is the Lord’s. The earth is his — oceans and mountains, sun and rain — life itself.

People: **All that we are comes from God, and, as his people, we are shaped by the working of his Holy Spirit among us.**

Leader: All that we give is the Lord’s. We are only stewards, returning what is rightfully his.

People: **In giving us himself through his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we are rich beyond measure.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, whose children we are.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #731

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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 22:15-22

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
“Brain-Teaser”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“A Canon of Praise”
Presented by Chancel Choir

Sleeth

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #672**

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

§ **Benediction**

Let us go forth as workers together with God proclaiming the Good News, performing deeds of mercy and kindness, and giving evidence of Christ’s love in all that we do. And may the grace of God be with us all. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“May The Peace Of God Dwell In You”

Larson

Postlude

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Thomas Gieschen

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

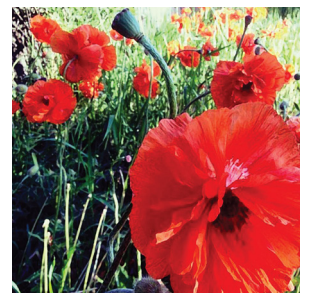
If you wish to leave, you may do so, leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

Facetime by the Big Bell



All Saints’ Celebration During worship on Sunday, November 5th we will celebrate the lives of those loved ones who passed away this past year. We read each name and light a candle for each person. Please submit names to be included on the list to the office by Thursday, October 26. We will need their full name and their date of death. We would also like a photo, which is optional and may be pulled from an online obituary.

Veterans Day Recognition During worship on Sunday, November 12th we will recognize those men and women in the congregation who have served in the armed forces. Please submit to the office by Tuesday, November 7 a photo of yourself in uniform and another of you doing your job or something of interest that is service related. We would also like as many details about your service as you wish to share, such as branch, division, classification, rank, service location, and any possible medals bestowed upon you.





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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Acolyte: Ella Anderson
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Liturgist: Dorothy Powell

Livestream Tech: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Pastor Appreciation Reception Hosts: DuWayne & Nancy Stanis

Announcements

- **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Ribbon bookmarks are still available in the Narthex, and please peruse the tent cards that have been placed on the Narthex tables. They include facts about Domestic Violence and engaging questions; see the bottom of the tent cards for answers to those questions.
- **Next Sunday, October 29th is Consecration Sunday.** Please bring your blue pledge cards with you to service so that Pastor Cal may bless them. Didn't get a card in the mail? Misplaced your copy? Additional blank cards are in the Narthex along with the information sheet about directly donating pre-tax dollars to the church from a retirement fund, such as an IRA.
- **The UWF Baked Potato Bar previously scheduled for today has been CANCELLED.**
- **Speaking of potatoes, our UMM are running a Potato Drop on Saturday, October 28th.** They could do with some volunteers as they have 400 bags of potatoes to distribute; see DuWayne or Gene. Each bag is 10 lbs., and up to 2 bags per person will be given away for FREE from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supply runs out. If you're helping, dress for the weather – these spuds are go, go, going rain or shine.
- **Don't forget the SCRIP Committee has a wide selection of retail gift cards to help you with your autumn seasonal needs.** Consider Menards, Lowe's, The Home Depot, Dunkin', Starbucks, Amazon, et al.
- **Halloween is almost here!** We ask the congregation to *Trick or Treat* our children and youth. We estimate at least 8 children will be present next Sunday, October 29th, so please bring a small portion of your candy hoard from home to distribute to them after service.
- **The UWF is holding their next luncheon on Wednesday, November 1st.** Their guest speaker is Nancy Bokermann, a physical therapist who will do a presentation on fall prevention and recovery. Lunch is \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020 by Friday, October 27th.

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