

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



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

November 12, 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

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## **WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED**

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude

“Woke Up This Morning”

*Unknown*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*One:* A gift of a new day,

***All:* Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.**

*One:* A new day with surprising miracles;

***All:* With love to be given,**

*One:* Kindness to be shared

***All:* And peace to be enjoyed.**

*One:* A gift of a new day,

***All:* God’s gift to us.**

*One:* Let us receive it with joy

***All:* And live it in expectation.**

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2170, vv. 1, 3, and 5**

**“God Made from One Blood”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*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*

Veterans Day Recognition

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

*Please turn to the screens for a brief slide show  
honoring and profiling our congregation’s veterans.*

§ Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

*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**

“Ready and Alert!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“With a Voice of Singing”

*Shaw*

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #715**

**“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**

§ **Benediction**

God calls us to be watchful and alert, to stay awake and to hold high the light of Jesus Christ so that all may be drawn to him. Go, therefore, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to be a beacon of light and hope to your world this week. Amen.

Choral Benediction      “Dismiss Us From This Place”      *Druce Jones/Michael Berman*

Postlude      “Joyful, Joyful”      *Arr. Warren/Emerson*

*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 given in honor of all veterans and in loving memory of those who gave their lives in service of their country.**



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team

**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk

**Van Driver:** Curly Thompson

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Liturgist:** Andrew Crow

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

**Facetime Hostess:** Judy Mehren

## Announcements

- **Tis the Season for Angel Tree.** Starting after service today, the Angel Tree table will be set up in the Narthex. Angel Tree is a ministry that helps incarcerated parents buy presents for their children. Make sure you've spoken with Barb or Gene Ferry or a representative before you make any purchases. **You may also help by:** distributing angels after service; making a cash donation or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree Ministry on the memo line; shopping for gifts; organizing/delivering gifts; or praying for the prisoners and their families.
- **Yikes! Thanksgiving is roughly a week and ½ away.** The Thanksgiving Committee would be grateful for donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, ear muffs, and socks for distribution during the dinner. You can also donate money or foodstuffs. Since water bottles and applesauce containers (3.5 to 4 oz.) have a longer shelf life, you may begin donating them now. Pies should be freshly-baked by a commercial bakery (sorry, no handmade or frozen pies) - neither size nor variety matter; we love pecan, apple, cherry, pumpkin, etc. **Pies should be donated the week of the event, and all donations should be made by 3 p.m. of Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> so that the committee can take stock of supplies and buy more of what is needed.**
- **Don't forget the Jubilee Center would like donations of handmade scarves before Thanksgiving.** Please donate by Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> so that we may arrange a pickup or drop-off to the Jubilee Center. They need time to attach a romance tag to each scarf before they distribute to their clientele on St. Nicholas Day (Dec 6).
- **Finally, Jeremiah Development would also like donations of winter wear.** They will take new or gently-used hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for distribution at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> LOVE Rockford event. They would also like donations of Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and bows. Make donations to the office by Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

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