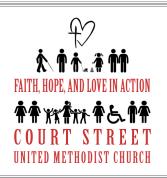


# **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** November 19, 2023



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	"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Presented by Jubellation	Arr Kinyon			
§ Call to Worship					
Leader:	Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.				
People:	Thanks be to God for the beauty and diversity of creation.				
Leader:	Thanks be to God for our ancestors of faith.				
People:	Thanks be to God for loving families and encouraging friends.				
Leader:	Thanks be to God for meaningful work.				
People:	Thanks be to God for the variety of talents within the body of Christ.				
Leader:	Thanks be to God for freedom of conscience, speech, and worship.				
People:	Thanks be to God for calling us to covenant relationship.				
All:	With thankful hearts let us worship and praise th	e Lord our God!			
§ Opening Hymn FWS #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"					
WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD					
New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.					
Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.					
<i>People:</i> Glory to you, O Lord.					
Children's Message James L. Cre					
Processional Hymn UMH # 585, vs. 1 "This Little Light of Mine" <i>The children are invited to come forward as we sing.</i>					
Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)					
Concluding	Hymn "Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)"	Author Unknown			
Announcements Rev. Calvin Culpepp					

#### § Gospel Reading

ading Matthew 25:14-30 *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

"Risky Reality!" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper* 

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Joyful Thanksgiving" Presented by Chancel Choir Martin

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

§ Benediction

Each of you has been given unique gifts from God. Use your gifts and do acts of charity. In the name of the God who created us, the Christ who frees us, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us. Amen.

Choral Benediction	"Dismiss Us From This Place"	Druce Jones/Michael Berman
Postlude	"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	n" Richard Proulx

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



Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed

Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!



## Court Street United Methodist Church

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: Sound Tech: Van Driver: The Sandy Gregory Team Stan Tunnell Jeff Mann

Acolyte: Video Tech: Liturgist:

Lili Breson Steve Ripley Rev. Norma Lee Barnhart

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson Facetime Hostess: Volunteer(s) Welcome

#### Ammouncements

- Yikes! Thanksgiving is this week. The Thanksgiving Committee would be grateful for <u>donations of mittens</u>, gloves, hats, scarves, ear muffs, and socks. You can also <u>donate money</u> or <u>foodstuffs</u> like <u>bottles of water</u>, <u>containers of applesauce</u> (3.5 to 4 oz.), and <u>pies freshly-baked by a commercial bakery</u> (sorry, no handmade or frozen pies). Donations should be made by 3 p.m. of Tuesday, <u>November 21<sup>st</sup></u>.
- The church building will be closed on Thursday, <u>November 23<sup>rd</sup></u> and Friday, <u>November 24<sup>th</sup></u>, except for activities related to the Thanksgiving dinner. The office will be closed on both days.
- **Don't forget the Jubilee Center would like donations of handmade scarves before Thanksgiving.** Please donate by end of business tomorrow, Monday, <u>November 20</u><sup>th</sup>.
- Finally, Jeremiah Development would also like donations of winter wear. They will take <u>new or</u> <u>gently-used hats</u>, <u>gloves</u>, <u>scarves</u>, <u>and coats</u> for distribution at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> LOVE Rockford event. They would also like donations of <u>Christmas wrapping paper</u>, <u>tape</u>, <u>and bows</u>. Make donations to the office by Monday, <u>November 27<sup>th</sup></u>.
- The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday, <u>December 2<sup>nd</sup></u> starting at 10 a.m.
- The ECHO Ringers are holding their "Ring We Now of Christmas" concert at Grace UMC at 3 p.m. on Sunday, <u>December 3<sup>rd</sup></u>. Free will offerings are appreciated.
- **Tis the Season for Angel Tree.** The Angel Tree table is currently set up in the Narthex. Angel Tree is a ministry that helps incarcerated parents buy Christmas presents for their children. Make sure you've spoken with Barb or Gene Ferry or a representative before you make any purchases.
- The first Midweek Advent service is on Wednesday, <u>December 6</u><sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. <u>in the Sanctuary</u>. Following the service, the UWF will hold their December Luncheon and Carol Sing. No RSVP required; donations appreciated.

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