

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



25TH 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”

Arr Kinyon

Presented by Jubellation

§ 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 the 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.

***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.

Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

Announcements

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

§ Gospel Reading

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”

Martin

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **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”

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!



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
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Van Driver: Jeff Mann

Acolyte: Lili Breson
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Liturgist: Rev. Norma Lee Barnhart

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostess: Volunteer(s) Welcome

Announcements

- **Yikes! Thanksgiving is this week.** The Thanksgiving Committee would be grateful for donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, ear muffs, and socks. You can also donate money or foodstuffs like bottles of water, containers of applesauce (3.5 to 4 oz.), and pies freshly-baked by a commercial bakery (sorry, no handmade or frozen pies). **Donations should be made by 3 p.m. of Tuesday, November 21st.**
- **The church building will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th, 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, November 20th.
- **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 2nd LOVE Rockford event. They would also like donations of Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and bows. Make donations to the office by Monday, November 27th.
- **The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday, December 2nd 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, December 3rd.** 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, December 6th at 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Following the service, **the UWF will hold their December Luncheon and Carol Sing.** No RSVP required; donations appreciated.

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