

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 26, 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

“Let All Things Now Living”

Frank Stoldt

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

People: **Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.**

Leader: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

People: **You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!**

Leader: You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

People: **Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.**

Leader: O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

All: **Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.**

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§ Opening Hymn UMH #57, vv. 1, 4, and 7

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

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 25:31-46

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

“Recognizing Jesus!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

Presented by Andrew Mertenich

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2250**

“I've Just Come from the Fountain”

§ **Benediction**

We enter this world of cruel injustice firm in the promises of God and passions of the faith to touch all the less fortunate. When we “do it” to the least of these, we “do it” to Jesus!

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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.

Facetime by the Big Bell



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Andrew Crow

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostess: Rynne Ludington

Announcements

- **Jeremiah Development would 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 at Second First Church. They would also like donations of Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and bows. Make donations to the office by Monday, November 27th.
- **Staff and Committee written reports for the charge conference book are due Thursday, November 30th.** Submissions made after Monday, December 4th will only be included in the final report at the discretion of the office staff. **The Annual Conference is scheduled for Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.**
- **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. PLEASE NOTE: the office staff and volunteer will be participating, so the office will be closed during both the service and the luncheon, roughly from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- **In addition to being gifts themselves, SCRIP cards can help you make purchases for holiday gifts, food, decorations, entertainment, etc.** Since many cards are special order, to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas you must place your Christmas order by December 10th.

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