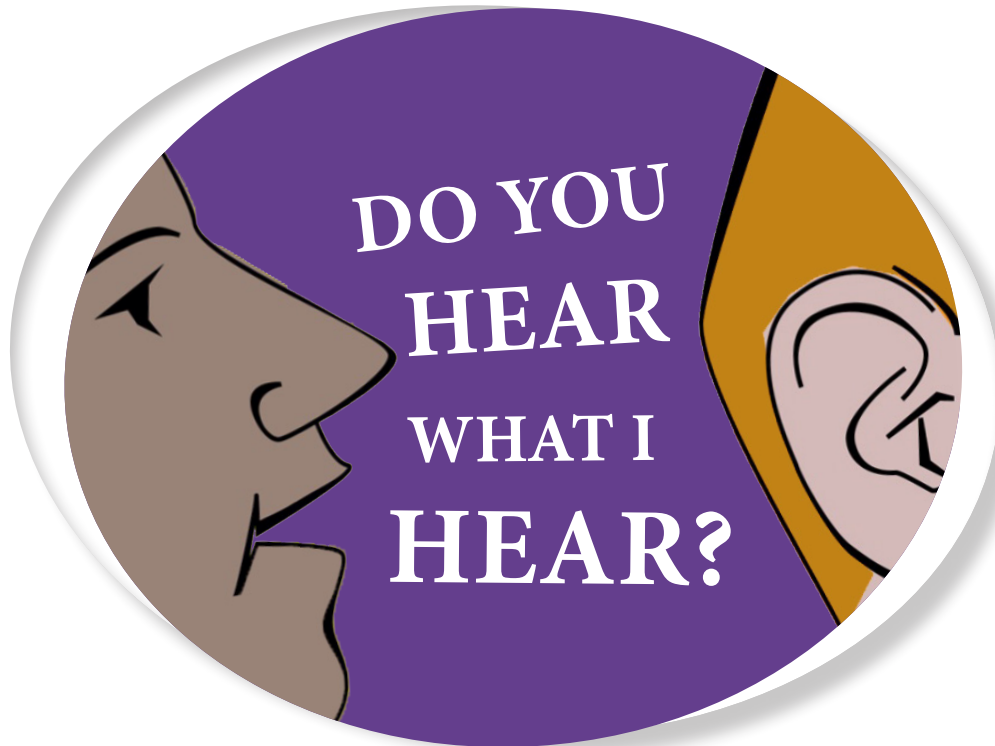


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024



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

“Prayer”

Leon Boellman

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us. Do we hear him?

People: **Sometimes, when the chaos of the world is quiet, and we decide to listen.**

Leader: And how do we answer God’s call?

People: **We answer, “Speak LORD, for your servant is listening.”**

Leader: We worship today seeking to hear and answer God’s call.

All: **Here we are, Lord. Hallelujah, Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #98

“To God Be the Glory”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

“A Moment in Mission: Human Relations Day”

UMC Video Presentation

Special envelopes are available in the Narthex and from an usher.

§ Gospel Reading John 1:43-51

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 John.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

Message

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Follow Me”

Arr. John Carter

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #474**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

§ Benediction

Send us forth, Lord, on this journey and call us to faithful discipleship. Call us forth to repentance and new life. Call us to listen and to hear your Word. Call us to serve and respond in your Way. Call us to live always with hope and love. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Amen”

Arr. Armstrong

Postlude

“Processional in C”

Hal H. Hopson

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 were given last week in honor of Iyla Rose Latham, great-granddaughter of Joan and Stan Tunnell



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Jeff Mann	Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Host(s): Volunteer(s) welcome.

Announcements

- **Today we are collecting for Human Relations Day.** HRD is one of six special Sundays in the year that we collect special offerings on behalf of the greater United Methodist Church. Your donations fund a variety of community development projects that focus mainly on social justice, assisting victims of domestic violence, the homeless, at-risk teens, and many others. Special envelopes are available in the Narthex and from an usher.
- **Prairie North is holding a District Leadership Training on Saturday, January 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Harmony UMC, Freeport, IL.** Participants will take part in a worship service and 2 workshops. There are six topics to choose from (see flier in the handicap vestibule for details.). The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per church. To register online, visit umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training-2024 and click link.
- **Angel Tree Update:** This year we provided gifts to 48 children in 17 family units. Each child received a toy and a clothing item. Each caregiver received a \$25 Walmart gift card. Thank you to all who purchased and wrapped gifts, helped assemble the gifts by family for delivery, and helped deliver the gifts by Christmas. Also note that the family caregiver received 10 or 20 pounds of potatoes from the Potato Drop by UMM and they were greatly appreciated.

-Gene and Barb Ferry

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