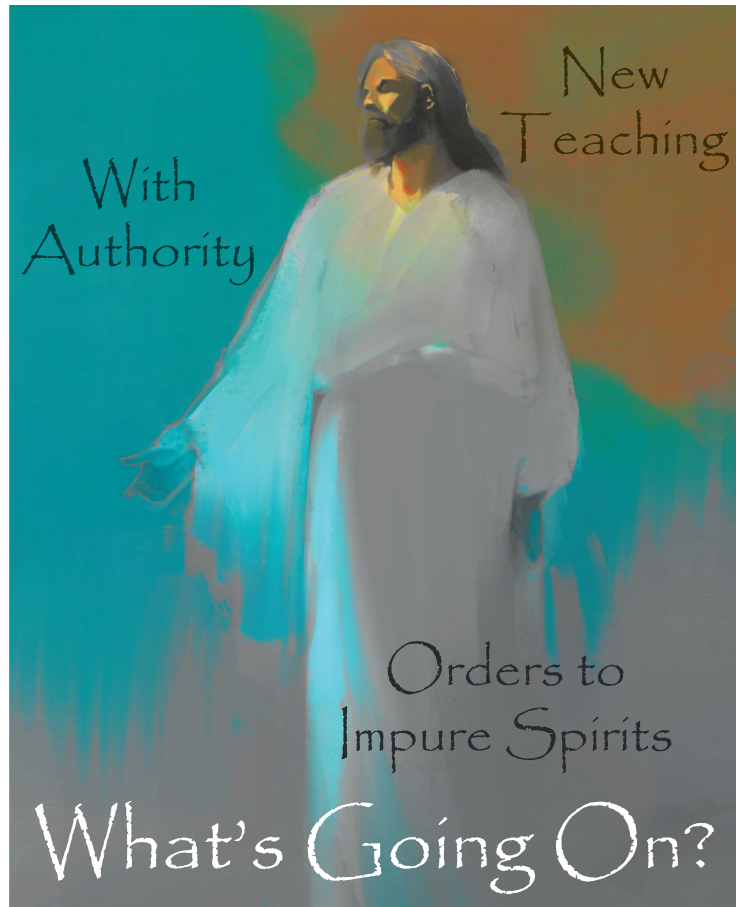


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 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

“Engelberg”

Matt Limbaugh

§ Call to Worship

Leader: All you who would be friends, all you who would be neighbors ...

People: **Let us all learn from the example of Jesus.**

Leader: The care and concern of Jesus for others ...

People: **Were founded on the love of God, the God we come here to worship today.**

Leader: Let us join now through love and devotion and in word and song.

All: **Let us praise our Lord God, let us worship God in spirit and truth, and let us give to God our joy and our lives.**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2223

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

Mark 1:21-28

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 Mark.

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

Message
“What’s Going On?”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Bound For Glory”
Presented by JuBellation Bell Choir
and
Ella Anderson, Sandblocks

Arr. Tammy Waldrop

§ **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 FWS #2158**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

§ **Benediction**

Choose the Lord, this day and always.
Serve the Lord in this moment and the next.
Love the Lord in your heart and with all your strength.
Praise the Lord in your gladness and sadness.
Be at peace in the Lord, now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction Response

Armstrong

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joshua Evanovich

*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 Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Andrew Crow

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Barb & Gene Ferry

Announcements

- **The Court Street UMC Book Club is meeting today at 2 p.m.** at Perky Heath's home to discuss *The Dancer and the Devil: Stalin, Pavlova, and the Road to the Great Pandemic* by John E. O'Neill & Sarah C. Wynne.
- **If you would like to purchase a copy of the Lenten Study book, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*** by Adam Hamilton, through the office, please make your request by 3 p.m. of THIS Wednesday, January 31st. Books will be ordered that afternoon. Price TBD. Large print paperback is also available.
- **The staff will meet on Wednesday, January 31st at 4 p.m.** Normally, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month, but due to Ash Wednesday falling on the second Wednesday of February, the Worship Committee has moved its monthly meeting up one week to February 7th at 3:45 p.m. Therefore, we have also moved up a week to permit staff to participate in both planning meetings.
- **Blanket Sunday is Sunday, February 4th.** Each year we request you toss some spare change into a blanket as part of a special collection for Church World Service (CWS) and the essential missions they carryout domestically and internationally, primarily by providing aid to those impacted by poverty and natural disaster.

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