

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

February 4, 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

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## **WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED**

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude

“Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill”

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Heralds of good news, sing out your song, for Jesus the Christ, God’s own Son, is here with us.

*People:* **Tell the sick and the distressed, tell those in far places and near, tell those without love, those who have given up, that God’s own hall is open to them.**

*Leader:* The Messianic Banquet has begun, where the feast of God’s love is to be celebrated. Invite all to enter and dine here with us. All are welcome.

*All:* **For Christ has come again to us, Christ Jesus is alive and our joy has no limits.**

Musical Witness

“How Beautiful”

*Twila Paris*

Presented by Verlette Gorman & Lorelle Wandell

## **WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*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.*

Blanket Sunday Collection for Church World Service

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

*Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

*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.**

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Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month during communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in our newsletter, *The Chimes*.

**Message**  
“Heralds of Hope!”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.  
You may also follow along with the slides for today’s communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory FWS #2106

“When Jesus Wept”

*Please follow the conductor’s lead.*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## THE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.  
The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

## WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #474**

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

§ **Benediction**

Beloved, you are ambassadors for the kingdom of God! Strengthened in hearing the Word proclaimed and sitting at God’s table, go into the world secure in God’s blessing and love to share the good news. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Amen”

*Armstrong*

Postlude

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Kingsfold)”

*Arr. Matthew W. Corl*

*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

►**Blanket Sunday** Each year we request you toss your spare change into our CWS blanket as part of a special collection for Church World Service (CWS). CWS’s ministries help those impacted by poverty and natural disaster by providing them with hygiene kits, food, drinkable water, sanitation, and something as simple and essential as a warm blanket. Special offering envelopes are also available from ushers or on the counter in the Narthex.



Altar flowers given by Nancy Shindel in loving memory of her Grandmother **Beulah Talbot** and her father **Wayne Hesson**



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sandy Gregory Team	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ella Anderson
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Stan Tunnell	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jeff Mann	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Diane Risley

**Livestream Techs:** Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

**Facetime Hosts:** Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, and Dorothy Powell

## Announcements

- **The UWF is holding a luncheon on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. in the Dining Room.** Their guest speaker is Laura Devries, Senior Chaplain for Rockford Reachout Jail Ministry. Please RSVP to Donna Dow by 12 Noon of TODAY. Lunch is \$10 per person. All are welcome to attend.
- **1 extra copy of the regular print hardcover version of the Lenten Study book was ordered.** It is available on a first come, first served basis. The study begins Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. You may join the Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. or Pastor Cal at 11 a.m. (or after service) in the Parlor.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Library.** Their meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.
- **The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.**
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at John's Restaurant & Pizzeria on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **SOUPer Bowl Sunday is Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Join us after service for a lunch in the Dining Room. We hope you will sample all 4 of the soups we have contending in our SOUPer Bowl Championship. Your votes will determine this year's winner. Free-will offerings are appreciated. Plus, if you can, bring cans of soup for donation to the Rock River Valley Pantry; donation box and bin will be in the Narthex.
- **Valentine's Day is just around the corner.** If you're celebrating with gift giving or meals with loved ones, then consider buying SCRIP. Gift cards for retailers are great gifts on their own, and SCRIP has a wide selection of restaurant cards. Order special order cards today to guarantee availability before the holiday.

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