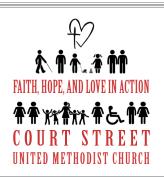
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 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

"Give Me Jesus"

Anna Laura Page

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader:	On these days of Lenten journey,
People:	Christ goes with us side by side.
Leader:	While we gather here for worship,
People:	May our lives be focused with praise and care.
Leader:	As we sing, pray, and listen,
People:	May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.
Leader:	And may this time of worship,
People:	Be for us a constant guide.
People: Leader:	Be for us a constant guide. Now let us sing with joy and vigor,
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§ Opening Hymn UMH #430

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading1 Peter 3:18-22Please 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 MessageProcessional Hymn UMH # 585, vs. 1The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn UMH # 191, vs. 1

"Jesus Loves Me"

Gospel Reading §

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

"Precursor to Paradise" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"The Church's One Foundation" Presented by Jubellation

Arr. Kurt Meyer

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **Doxology UMH #95** *Please remain standing as you are able.*

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #352 8

Benediction Ş

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Your Lenten journey is beginning! The creative, redeeming, sustaining presence of God accompanies you. Open your hearts to follow wherever God may lead you these next 40 days. Amen.

Benediction Response	Armstrong

Postlude

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

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 given by Judy Mehren in memory of Fred Mehren



"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"



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TODAY'S WORSHIP The Sandy Gregory Team Lili Breson **Ushers:** Acolyte: Sound Tech: Ryan Welk Video Tech: Steve Ripley Andrew Crow Van Driver: Curly Thompson Liturgist:

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Ryanne Ludington

Amnouncements

- The Lenten Study for Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton begins TODAY, Sunday, February 18th. On Sundays in Lent you may join the Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. or Pastor Cal at 11 a.m. (after service) in the Parlor.
- Please join us after service for a special Facetime in the Narthex. Ashley Welk is here today, and we would like to turn Facetime into a small reception to congratualate her on her pregnancy. Next week during Facetime we will celebrate Alice Gillette, who is turning 100 on February 27th.
- Midweek Lenten Services begin Wednesday, February 21st. We will hold 30-minute services in the Sanctuary at 12 Noon each Wednesday for 6 weeks, concluding during Holy Week on March 27th.
- Our next Waffles and Worship Service is Sunday, February 25th at 8 a.m. in our Dining Room. All are welcome to attend this modern praise service filled with food and fellowship.
- The CSUMC Book Club will meet next week, Sunday, February 25th at Jan Mace's home at 2 p.m. to discuss *Deception Point* by Dan Brown.

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