

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

ABUNDANT



LIFE AMPLIFIED

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Douglas E. Wagner*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Jesus said, If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

*People:* **Jesus, we want to become your followers.**

*Leader:* For those who want to save their life will lose it,

*People:* **And those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.**

*Leader:* We come here today to follow you.

*All:* **Help us — Guide us — Save us.**

— from Mark 8:35

### **§ Opening Hymn FWS #2202, vv. 1, 2, 4, and 5**

**“Come Away with Me”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

*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

Processional Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

*Arr. Armstrong*

Presented by Youth Choir on Choir Chimes

Message

*James L. Crow*

Concluding Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful”

*Arr. Armstrong*

Presented by Youth Choir on Choir Chimes

§ Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

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*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

### **Message**

**“Abundant Life Amplified”**

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Praeludium & Fuga 1”  
from *The Well-Tempered Clavier*  
Presented by Jack Armstrong

*J. S. Bach*

§ **Doxology UMH #95**

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

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #374**

**“Standing on the Promises”**

§ **Benediction**

The journey of Jesus took him into a world of suffering, rejection, and death. As we go into this same world, embolden us, O God, that we too might take up our cross and follow you. Teach us to ask not that you shield us from temptation, but that you keep us from evil in temptation's midst. Amen.

– Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, *Litanies and Other Prayers for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B* (Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1993), 65.

Piano Benediction

“Dismiss Us From This Place”

*Jones/Berman*

Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Arr. Joel Raney*

*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

<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>	Tim Gorman	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Curly Thompson
<b>Livestream Techs:</b> Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson			
<b>Facetime Hosts:</b> Sue Cram, Donna Dow, and Judy Mehren			

## Announcements

- **Our Lenten Study this year is based on *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton.** 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 to discuss the latest lesson.
- **Please join us after service for a special Facetime in the Narthex as we celebrate Alice Gillette turning 100 on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The CSUMC Book Club will meet TODAY, Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Jan Mace's home at 2 p.m. to discuss *Deception Point* by Dan Brown.**
- **Midweek Lenten Services continue Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.** We will hold 30-minute services in the Sanctuary at 12 Noon each Wednesday in Lent, concluding during Holy Week on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Nurture Committee will hold their annual Hot Chocolate Outreach starting at 9 a.m. on the Tuesday morning of March 5<sup>th</sup>.** It's one small way to connect with our neighbors. **Domestic Violence will meet at 11 a.m. in the Library that same day.** All are welcome to attend their meetings.
- **The area United Methodist Men (UMM) are holding their Spring Communion Service and Breakfast at Pecatonica UMC on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.** Breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m., the communion service at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Brian Gilbert, DS of Prairie South, is guest speaker; Rolland Hayag will provide special music. \$10 apiece, pastors attend for free. See flier in handicap vestibule for RSVP contact info.

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