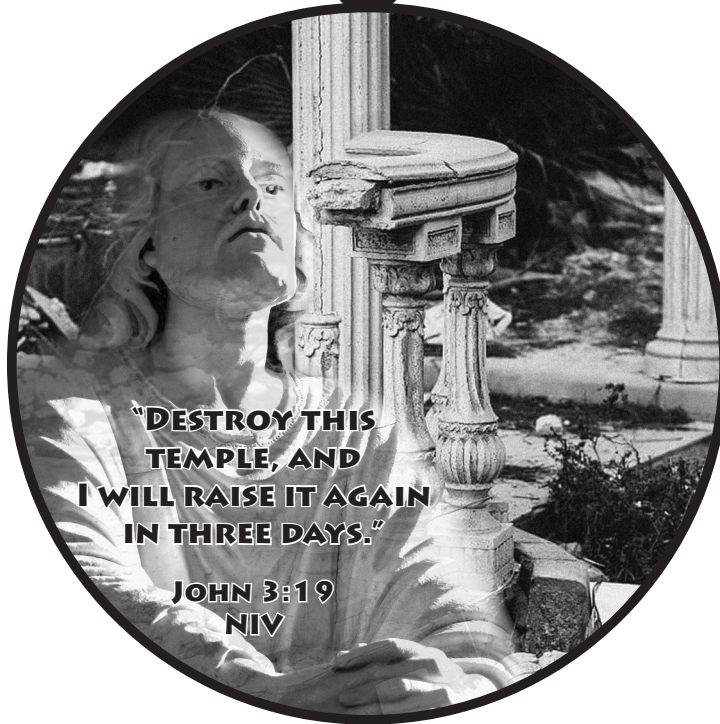
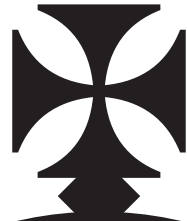


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 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

“In Remembrance”

John M. Rasley

The Service of Diminishing Lights

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Let us be like the heavens and shout forth the glory of God!

People: **Everything in creation proclaims that God has been at work.**

Leader: Let our lives, too, proclaim that God has been at work in us,

People: **For God revives us, gives us wisdom, enlightens us and gives us joy.**

Leader: Let our words and thoughts be worthy of you, O Lord, our Redeemer!

All: **Amen!**

– Based on Psalm 19

§ Opening Hymn UMH #404

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

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 UMH # 191, vs. 1

“Jesus Loves Me”

§ Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

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
“A Holy Habitat!”
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 “You Raise Me Up *with* Be Still My Soul” *Arr. Tom Fettke*
Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95** **“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 FWS #2250** **“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain”**

§ **Benediction**

Leader: Most Holy God, we seek to walk in mercy and love.

People: **Touch us and call us into submission and service.**

Leader: Give us courage to stand barefoot with you in holy places.

All: **We would become “living sanctuaries” filled with the essence of your presence.
Amen.**

Choral Benediction “Go Ye Now In Peace” *Eilers*

Postlude “We Plow the Fields” *Joseph Prentiss*

*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

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Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Jeff Mann	Liturgist:	Andrew Crow

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

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

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.
- **Midweek Lenten Services continue Wednesday, March 6th.** We will hold 30-minute services in the Sanctuary at 12 Noon each Wednesday in Lent, concluding during Holy Week on March 27th.
- **The Nurture Committee will hold their annual Hot Chocolate Outreach starting at 9 a.m. on the Tuesday morning of March 5th.** 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 meeting.
- **Staff will meet on the first Wednesday of March (the 6th) at 4 p.m. in the Parlor.**
- **The area United Methodist Men (UMM) are holding their Spring Communion Service and Breakfast at Pecatonica UMC on Saturday, March 9th.** 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.
- **Next week, Sunday, March 10th, we will collect a special offering for UMCOR Sunday.** Like CWS, UMCOR provides relief to those affected by war, natural disaster, and poverty.
- **Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10th.** Remember to advance your clocks forward by 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

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