

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(ST. THOMAS SUNDAY)

April 7, 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

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Joshua Evanovich

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before him.

People: **Because of his love God has already decided that through Jesus Christ, he would make us his children - this was his pleasure and purpose.**

All: **Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.**

-Ephesians 1:4-6

§ Opening Hymn UMH #467

“Trust and Obey”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

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 Lesson

John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st 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
“Living the Life!”
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

“Crown Him the Lord of Life!” (Finale) from *What Love Is This?*
Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Brad Nix, Marty Parks, & Larry Shackley
Presented by Chancel Choir (See insert for details.)

§ **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 #557** **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

§ **Benediction**

Jesus said; “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, even so I send you ...” to heal those who are sick and dying, to befriend the friendless in Jesus’ name, to tell of God’s love. As you go, remember that the peace of God is with you, and the power of the Holy Spirit will uphold and direct you because you are the Easter people, a kingdom of priests for God. Amen.

-Carolyn C. Brown, *Forbid Them Not* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1991), 90.

Choral Benediction “Deep Peace” *Sexton*

Postlude “Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing!” J. Wayne Kerr

Facetime by the Big Bell

We thank the following people for making today’s special musical offering possible:

Jack Armstrong, Director of Music, Andrew Mertzenich, Organist, and the Chancel Choir



Altar flowers given by the Robert Henbest Memorial in loving memory
of Rev. Sandy Hoke who passed away on April 12, 2005.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Tim Gorman	Liturgist:	Curly Thompson

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

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

Announcements

- **Today**, our chancel choir will conclude this year's Cantata with a presentation of the final song "Crown Him the Lord of Life!" from *What Love Is This?*
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee** will meet on Tuesday, April 9th in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend this committee's monthly meetings. April marks Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by a blue ribbon.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Chavez Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, April 11th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, April 10th.
- **We are collecting a special offering for Native American Ministries Sunday on Sunday, April 14th.**
- **Garden Bazaar** order forms are due Monday, April 15th. If you need a copy or would like additional copies for friends and family, they are available in the Narthex, online, and at the office.

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What Love Is This?

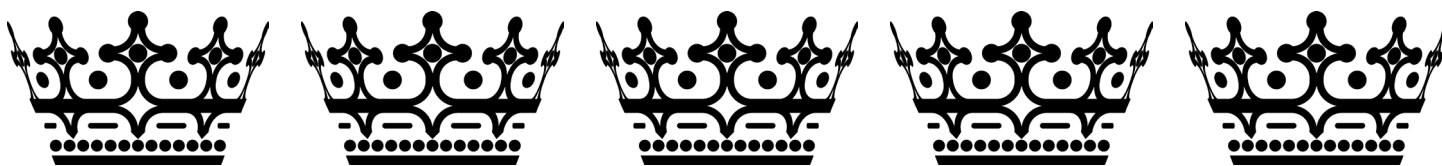
SUFFERING SERVANT - CONQUERING KING

Music by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Brad Nix, Marty Parks, & Larry Shackley

Orchestration by Ed Hogan

Narrator:

At dawn on the first day of the week, some of the women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. An angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Go quickly and tell His disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead!"



Crown Him the Lord of Life! (Finale)

Words by Matthew Bridges (1851), Godfrey Thring (1874), and Charles Wesley (1744)

Arranged with new music by Marty Parks

Tune: "Leoni" Traditional Hebrew Melody

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come,

and take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart and voice!
Again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in glorious hope, again I say rejoice!

Glory and honor we bring to You;
praises we joyfully sing!
All power and praise be given You,
our Savior, our Lord and King!

Tender, compassionate are Your ways,
righteous, exalted and true.
Mighty defender, our strength and shield,
forever Your kingdom will reign!

Alleluia! Let ev'ry voice proclaim!
Alleluia! Lift up His holy Name!

Jesus, Savior, ever His truth shall reign!
Alleluia! Hail the King!
Sing forth His glorious Name!