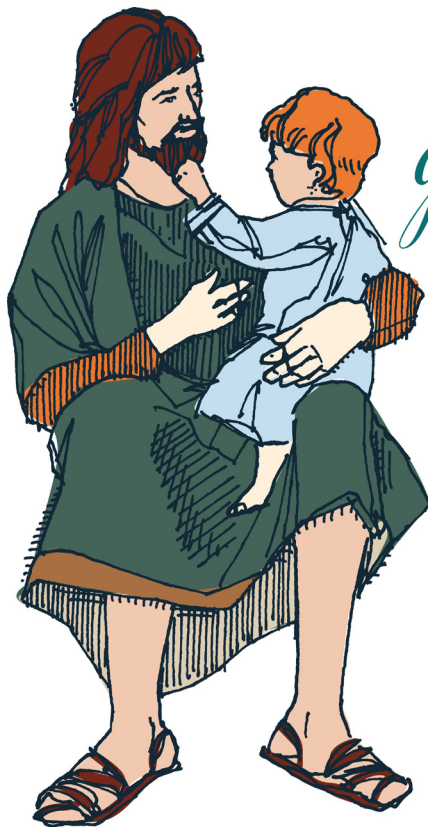


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



See what
great love

the Father has
lavished on us,
that we should
be called

*children
of God!*

1 JOHN 3:1, NIV

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

§ Call to Worship

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

***People:* For we are your children.**

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

***People:* For in Christ, we would live abundantly.**

Leader: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

***All:* For in you we live and move and have our being.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #306

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:1-7

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

Strategic Plan Committee Presentation

Lorelle Wandell

§ Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:36-48

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 Luke.

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

Message
“Resurrection Reality!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Arr. Andy Beck

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #431**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

§ **Benediction**

Go forth into the world, showing the love of God to all whom you meet.
May all who see you come to know that they, too, are children of God.
And may the God of love enfold you and bless you in all that you do.

Choral Benediction

“Deep Peace”

Sexton

Postlude

“The Gift of Love”

Arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar flowers given by Rob & Lorelle Wandell in memory of Lorelle’s father, Lonnie Ostic.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Diane Lawe

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: Jan Mace and Barb & Gene Ferry

Announcements

- We are collecting a special offering for Native American Ministries Sunday TODAY, Sunday, April 14th.
- **Garden Bazaar** order forms are due TOMORROW, Monday, April 15th. If you need additional copies, they are available in the Narthex, online, and at the church office.
- **The deadline for the May Chimes is TOMORROW, Monday, April 15th.**
- **Join the Domestic Violence Subcommittee on Thursday, April 18th at 12 noon at the Justice Center (650 W. State Street) for "Hands Around the Court House."**
- **Next Sunday, we are collecting for our Noisy Offering.** Money donated to the silver buckets on the third Sunday of every month benefit our Waffles and Worship breakfast and praise service held on the last Sunday of the month. Our next Waffles and Worship service is April 28th at 8 a.m. in our Dining Room.
- **Sunday, April 28th is Blue Sunday**, the final Sunday of the month of April in which churches can stand in solidarity against child abuse. Please wear blue to service that day. Also, see the box in the Narthex for a full list of donation items for the Rockford Family Peace Center.
- **The CSUMC Book Club** will meet on Sunday, April 28th at Dorothy Powell's home at 2 p.m. to discuss *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* by David Brooks.
- **Don't forget Mr. Jim is scouting for talent for the Cabaret Luncheon scheduled for after service on Sunday, May 5th.**

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