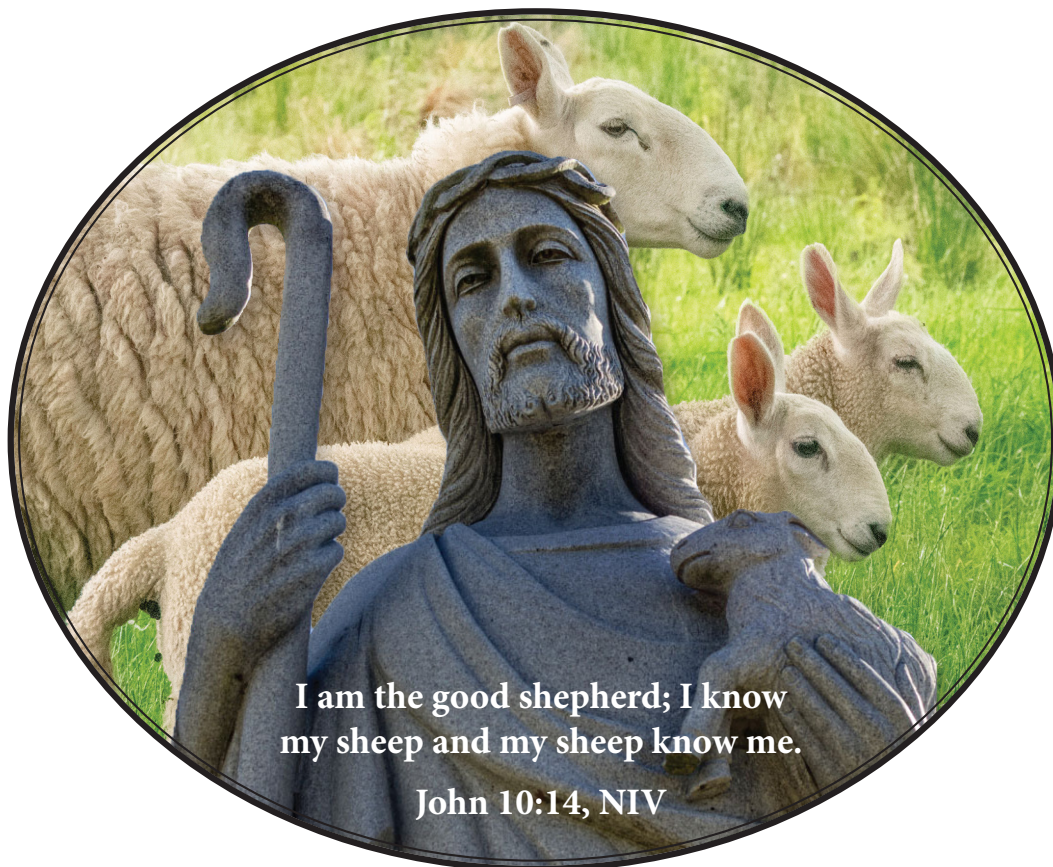


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



I am the good shepherd; I know
my sheep and my sheep know me.

John 10:14, NIV

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 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

“He Is Exalted”
Presented by JuBellation

Arr. Michael Ryan

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Who tends to our needs and leads us safely?

People: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who knows each and every one of us by name?

People: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who seeks out the lost of this world?

People: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who desires that we be as one flock — attentive to his voice?

All: Jesus, who laid down his life that none should perish, but rather have everlasting life.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #559

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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.

Noisy Offering (Donations Benefit Our Waffles & Worship Ministry)

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

Earth Day Presentation

Diane Risley

“What is Earth Day? Everything You Need to Know About Earth Day for Kids”

Twinkl Educational Publishing, 2023

(www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KxAXK1i-Uc)

§ Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

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

“Trusting the True Shepherd”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer; The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Piano Offertory

Presented by Jack Armstrong

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #474**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

§ Benediction

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20-21).

Piano Benediction

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

Lutkin

Piano Postlude

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar flowers given in memory of the wedding anniversary of Gwen & Leslie Thomas (April 26th) by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

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| Ushers: | The Sue Cram Team | Acolyte: | Kaylee Bulliner |
| Sound Tech: | Stan Tunnell | Video Tech: | Steve Ripley |
| Van Driver: | Jeff Mann | Liturgist: | Andrew T. Crow |

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostess: Judy Mehren

Announcements

- **We collected a special offering for Native American Ministries Sunday last week.** It is not too late to make a donation for this appeal; special offering envelopes are still available in the Narthex.
- **Today, 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 – NOW! scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd.**
- **Mother's Day is May 12th!** SCRIP has many retail and restaurant cards available as special order items (even more than are listed on our order form!), which means cards must be pre-paid and take about a week to come into stock. Otherwise, they have cash and carry cards for retailers like **Amazon**, the **Olympic Tavern**, **Woodman's**, and several others. Just ask them what they can help you get for Mom.

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