

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Blue Sunday)

April 28, 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

“Prelude in E-Flat”

*Alexandre Guilmant*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Lord, thank you for our children.

*People:* **For them we pray.**

*Leader:* Help us teach them of your kindness,

*People:* **Of Your mercy and Your way.**

*Leader:* Help us show them of your love,

*People:* **Your strength and safety, too.**

*Leader:* Help us show them who You are,

*People:* **Help us to treat them like You do.**

*Leader:* Let’s pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer

*All:* **For the children of our nation until black and blue are just colors in their crayon box.**

Blue Sunday Official Prayer, [www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org)

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #141**

**“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-21

*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

*Lorelle Wandell*

Processional Hymn UMH #585, vs. 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

“Through Jesus’ Eyes” – Written by Mitchell Cardenas

Kids in Tune (*Official Lyric Video*), 2021

([www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRf\\_ntvx95s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRf_ntvx95s))

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

*Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

*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**

“The Love That Binds Us!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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

Pastoral Prayer;

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Soon and Very Soon”

*Arr. Mark Hayes*

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #527, vv. 1–3; 5**

**“Do, Lord, Remember Me”**

§ **Benediction**

Lord, may we go from here more courageous in your proclamation, more gentle in our care, more humbled by our children's faith and more amazed by your awesome grace. Never let us forget that every hand we shake is your hand, every hug we share is your embrace, every place we meet your people is a stable, a table, a cross where you meet us. Amen.

–Dani Loving Cartwright, from Jean Martensen, ed., *Sing Out New Visions*,  
(Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1998), 80.

Choral Benediction

“Deep Peace”

*Sexton*

Postlude

“Madrigal in E-Flat major”

*Alexandre Guilmant*

**Facetime by the Big Bell**



Altar flowers given in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) and Blue Sunday (today, the last Sunday of the month). Child Abuse Prevention Month is signified by a blue ribbon.



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sue Cram Team	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ella Anderson
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Ryan Welk	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jeff Mann	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Lorelle Wandell

**Livestream Techs:** Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

**Facetime Hostesses:** Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, and Dorothy Powell

## Announcements

- **Today is Blue Sunday**, the final Sunday of the month of April in which churches can stand in solidarity against child abuse. If you brought donations for the Family Peace Center, please place them in the donation boxes located in the Narthex.
- **The CSUMC Book Club** will meet this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Dorothy Powell's home 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Mother's Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>!** 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.
- **Court Street's 2024 Garden Bazaar & Bake Sale will be held on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We'll have a variety of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, and other plants for sale as well as home-baked desserts. If you placed an order in advance, please pick up your order on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. If you arranged for delivery, your plants will be dropped off sometime on Thursday afternoon (unless other arrangements have been made in advance). Sue Cram would love volunteers to help with all the unloading, sorting, selling, etc. on Thursday & Friday, and, of course, we will need bakers for the bake sale. Hope to see you there! Profits benefit the Capital Campaign Fund.

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