

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



THIS IS LOVE
FOR GOD:

*to keep his
commands.*

1 John 5:3, NIV

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 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

“Reflection”

Douglas E. Wagner

§ Call to Worship

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

***All:* Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.**

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

***All:* Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God’s love.**

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

***All:* Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 John 5:1-6

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 15:9-17

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

“Chosen and Commissioned”

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

“Look At This World”
Presented by Chancel Choir

Rutter

§ **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 #369**

“Blessed Assurance”

§ Benediction

The seeds of gospel truth have been planted in you. Go now to share your faith in Jesus and your love for each other, so that the gospel might grow in you and bear fruit throughout the world. May you be filled with the wisdom of God, the power of Christ and the patience of the Spirit, now and forever. Alleluia. Amen.

Choral Benediction “May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You” *Arr. Mac Huff*

Postlude

“Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

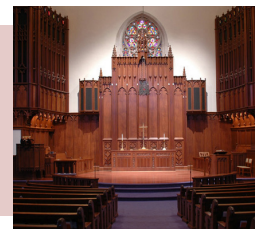
Arr. Mark Sedio

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar flowers were given in appreciation of our congregation.

Help plan our future! If you have not received a survey in the mail and wish to express your opinion, pick up a blank survey after today’s service in the church Narthex. Please return your responses to the church by Monday, May 13th. Thank you for participating.





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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Masterpeace Bailey
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Tim Gorman	Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hosts: DuWayne & Nancy Stanis & Steve Ripley

Announcements

- **Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 12th!** SCRIP has cash & carry cards available for retailers like **Amazon, The Olympic Tavern, Woodman's**, and several others.
- **Don't forget Mr. Jim is scouting for talent for the Cabaret Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd.**
- **Nurture & Outreach would like you to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly during the month of May to the blue barrel in the Narthex.** Donations will go to Rock River Valley Pantry, who in turn will distribute them to area families throughout the summer.
- **Heritage Sunday and Pentecost Sunday are both on Sunday, May 19th.** Please join us as we honor this year's 50-year members, and if you do attend, remember to wear red to service.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at Tavern on Clark on Thursday, May 9th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, May 8th.
- **Court Street's 2024 Garden Bazaar & Bake Sale will be held on Friday, May 17th 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. Hope to see you there! Profits benefit the Capital Campaign Fund.
 - If you placed an order in advance, please pick up your order on Thursday, May 16th 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 needs volunteers to help with unloading, sorting, delivering, selling, etc. on Thursday & Friday.
 - Of course, we need bakers for the bake sale. Let Connie Magnuson or Joann Dill know if you plan to bake; they will be in the Narthex before & after today's service. Make sure food donations are in plastic storage bags or food-safe bakery boxes. Please label items and note major allergens like peanuts and tree nuts.

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