

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(MOTHER'S DAY)

May 12, 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

“O For a Thousand Tongue to Sing”

Paul Manz

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God is love. We are created in God’s image to reflect and share that love.

People: **We celebrate human love as a gift. We are given families, friends and communities in which to receive and nurture love for one another.**

Leader: On this Mother’s Day, we give thanks for our mothers who gave us the gift of life.

People: **We give thanks for all the women who have loved and shaped us, comforted and encouraged us, taught us and believed in us.**

Leader: We ask your blessing upon these women, O Lord. May your love strengthen and support them each day.

People: **Grant them your grace and wisdom.**

Leader: Anoint them with your presence and peace.

All: **Thank you for your love and for family and friends with whom we share that love. Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #534

“Be Still, My Soul”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Mother’s Day Recognitions

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28

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

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

Message

“A Mother’s Makeup”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light”

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98**

“To God Be the Glory”

§ Benediction

God, whose love for us is greater than that of any parent, longs to share love through all who would serve as human parents of faith. As you go, may God’s love live in you, may the grace of Christ surround you, and may the Spirit nurture you to nurture others.

Choral Benediction

“May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You”

Arr. Mac Huff

Postlude

“Victory (Palastrina)”

Arr. Michael Helman

There will be no Facetime today. Have a Happy Mother’s Day!

Help plan our future! If you have not received a survey and wish to express your opinion (or need additional copies), pick up blank surveys in the Narthex. Please return your responses to the church by TOMORROW, Monday, May 13th. Completed surveys may be placed in the church-shaped drop box or the offering plate. Thank you for participating.





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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Sound Tech:	Stan Tunnell	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Jeff Mann	Liturgist:	Curly Thompson

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **Don't forget Mr. Jim is scouting for talent for the Cabaret Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd.**
- **Nurture & Outreach is asking for donations of jars of peanut butter & jelly during the month of May.** Just place items into 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 NEXT 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.
- **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.
 - We need donations of cardboard boxes. We have lots of preorders to pack, and then we will need boxes for the sale on Friday. Please donate to the handicap entrance no later than 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16th.
 - Sue Cram needs volunteers on Thursday & Friday. If you're helping on Thursday, arrive by 9:30 a.m.; the unloading and sorting of orders will continue into the early afternoon, deliveries into the late afternoon. If you are helping with set up on Friday, arrive by 7:30 a.m. Otherwise, arrive at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for the sale. Tear down and clean up for the event will begin at 2:45 p.m.
 - Of course, we need bakers for the bake sale. Let Connie Magnuson or Joann Dill know if you plan to bake. Make sure food donations are in plastic food storage bags or food-safe bakery boxes. Please label items and note major allergens like peanuts and tree nuts.

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