

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



**PENTECOST SUNDAY
(HERITAGE SUNDAY)**

May 19, 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

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”
Presented by Jubellation

Arr. Dennis Robert

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The disciples had done many things wrong, but now they had done something right:

People: **They had taken their risen Lord at his word and had waited, just waited, for the gift of the Spirit.**

Leader: Today we celebrate that gift—the gift of God’s Spirit, the gift of power to the church being born.

People: **They were all together, like they were supposed to be, in one place and of one expectant mind.**

Leader: We long for the same power, O God, to give wings to our words and courage for matching deeds.

People: **Let us take the gospel with us, out of the church, into the marketplace, as witnesses both to your judgment and to your grace.**

Leader: Today help us to hear the story of Pentecost as if for the first time;

All: **And help us so to tell it to others, that they may be irresistibly attracted to our Lord Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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

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

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:22-27

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Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Message

“Out-of-This-World Power!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

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

Recognition of 50-Year Anniversary Members

Presented by *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Eugene Ferry
Barbara Ferry
Georgalee George

Verneal Korn
Gary Kreitlow
Craig Lindmark
Terri Lindmark

Glen Rittmeyer
Lizbeth Whelpley
Susan Zimmerman

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth**

Folk Song Medley

“Holy Manna” (*William Moore*, American Folk Hymn),
“I Saw the Light” (*Hank Williams*), and “I'll Fly Away” (*Albert E. Brumley*)

Please refer to the screens for song lyrics.

§ **Benediction**

Be alive in the Spirit. Be a dancing flame of joy, A warming fire of comfort, A blazing source of compassion, and May the winds of Pentecost and the resurrected Christ go with you.

Choral Benediction

“May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You”

Arr. Mac Huff

Postlude

“Reflections on the Spirit”

Joel Raney

Facetime by the Big Bell

A special thank you to everyone who made this service's special musical offering possible:
Jack Armstrong (Director of Music); Andrew Merzenich (Organist); Krysta Tilges (Drums);
Matthew Wandell (Guitar); the Chancel Choir; and the JuBellation Bell Choir.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Tim Gorman	Liturgist:	Lorelle Wandell

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostess: Judy Mehren & Dorothy Powell

Announcements

- **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 next Sunday, May 26th at 8 a.m. in our Dining Room.**
- **Don't forget Mr. Jim is scouting for talent for the Cabaret Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd.**
- **Speaking of the Cabaret Luncheon, we would like you to RSVP by Wednesday, May 29th.** We will be serving lasagna, Italian bread, and Italian salad and need a head count for the event.
- **Nurture & Outreach is collecting 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.
- **The CSUMC Book Club will meet TODAY at Connie Schultz's home at 2 p.m. to discuss *The Invisible Kingdom: Reimagining Chronic Illness* by Meghan O'Rourke.**
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, May 21st at 11 a.m. in the Library.** All are welcome to attend.
- **We will collect a special offering for Peace with Justice Sunday next week, May 26th.** Special offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex.
- **The church will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th.**

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