

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



(Peace with Justice Sunday)

May 26, 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

Meditative Prelude on “Nicaea”

*Grimoaldo Macchia*

### **§ Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only begotten Son, that we may have new life.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us.**

*Leader:* Glory to you Holy Spirit; come, direct, and rule our lives.

*All:* **Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

### **§ Opening Hymn UMH #98**

**“To God Be the Glory”**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-17

*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 3:1-17

*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**  
“It’s A Heart, Not Head Job”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer,

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“He’s Got The Whole World” with  
“This Is My Father’s World”

*Arr. Joel Raney*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

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

**WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #593**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

§ **Benediction**

May the infinite love of our Maker, the compassionate love of our Companion, and the persistent love of our Guide surround each of us and give us joy. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You”

*Arr. Mac Huff*

Postlude

Postlude on “Italian Hymn”

*Edward Boughton*

No Facetime Today

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**Mr. Jim has scouted talent for the Cabaret Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>; now he needs you to RSVP to the office by Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> so that he has a head count for the event. Lunch includes lasagna, Italian bread, salad, and lots of fun.**



**Altar flowers given by Dorothy Powell in remembrance of her mother Bernice Ames, sister-in-law Barbara Jo Powell, and brother-in-law Robert Frenier, all of whom died on Memorial Day in 2003, 2004, and 2019.**



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sandy Gregory Team	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ella Anderson
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tim Welk	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Curly Thompson	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Diane Risley

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

**Facetime:** Cancelled

## Announcements

- **Since Facetime has been cancelled for today; please purchase SCRIP before service begins.**
- **We are collecting a special offering for Peace with Justice Sunday TODAY, May 26<sup>th</sup>.** Special offering envelopes are available in the Narthex or from an usher.
- **Nurture & Outreach is collecting jars of peanut butter & jelly during the month of May.**
- **The church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.**
- **The Rockford Area's First Official Pride Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. and will travel downtown along E. State Street.**
- **The UWF's Annual Picnic will be held at Wesley Willows on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** Please submit your reservation to Donna Dow by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **The Summer Sermon Series based on *The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study* by Amanda Jenkins, Dallas Jenkins, and Douglas S. Huffman will begin Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.** There are no study sessions scheduled. Arrangements to view the video lessons may be made. If you would like to order the book, RSVP by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **This year's Bishop's Appeal benefits United Voices for Children and its affiliates Kids Above All, Rosecrance, and MYSI.** Please make monetary donations by Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **We will collect various hygiene and cleaning products for Midwest Mission's Personal Dignity & Home Care Kits.** Please refer to fliers and the article in the June *Chimes* for a list of items, sizes, and restrictions. Place donations in the drop box in the Narthex no later than Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Items will be transported to the Annual Conference in mid-June by our lay delegates Dave & Diane Risley.

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