

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Third Sunday after Pentecost
(Children's Sunday)
June 9, 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

Waltz on “Assurance”

Arr. Andrew Mertenich

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be God! Praise to the Lord Jesus Christ! In Christ we are blessed, in Christ we are chosen

***People:* to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: In Christ we belong in the family, adopted

***People:* to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: In Christ the great mystery of God is revealed;

***People:* to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: In Christ we are called to be blameless and free,

***People:* to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: Blessed be God! Praise to the Lord Jesus Christ!

—Silvia Purdie, Cashmere Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, New Zealand. Conversations.net.nz.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #452

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

Recognition of Graduations and Educational Advancements

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Video Presentation, *Ryanne Ludington* with edits by *Krysta Tilges*

§ Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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 Matthew.

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

Message

“More Than Success!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer,

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Blessings”

Laura Story

Presented by Nancy Shindel

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #580**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

§ **Benediction**

To God, who chose us and predestined us, to the praise of his glory. To Jesus, the Son, who is the head of all things in heaven and on earth, to the praise of his glory. To the Spirit, who seals and guarantees our redemption, to the praise of his glory. To our great God be praise and honor for God's glorious grace. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Three Fold Amen”

Postlude

“Finale”

Robert J. Powell

Facetime

Congratulations to this year's graduates; we are so proud of your accomplishments. Please join us in the Narthex for a special coffee hour in honor of this year's graduates.



Don't forget to pick up a copy of the results of Court Street's 2024 Initial Survey if you haven't done so already.

Take it home, ponder it, and be prepared for a church meeting at the end of worship on Sunday, June 23rd. This meeting will be a chance to discuss the results and what our next step is on the path to the future of Court Street.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The DuWayne Stanis Team	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Lorelle Wandell

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime: Georgalee George, Nancy Doran, and Dorothy Powell

Announcements

- **TODAY, Sunday, June 9th, we are holding a Farewell Reception for Rev. Paul Meyers from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in our dining room.** Paul is retiring, and he and his family are moving to Maine.
- **CORRECTION:** The Blessing of the Pets service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12th.
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at the Backyard Grill & Bar on Thursday, June 13th at 6 p.m.** To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, June 12th. **NOTE: SCRIP sells gift cards for the Backyard Grill!**
- **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 NEXT Sunday, June 16th.
- **We will collect various hygiene and cleaning products for Midwest Mission's Personal Dignity & Home Care Kits.** Please refer to fliers and the June *Chimes* for a list of items, sizes, and restrictions. Place donations in the drop box in the Narthex no later than NEXT Sunday, June 16th. Items will be transported to the Annual Conference in mid-June by our lay delegates Dave & Diane Risley.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, June 18th at 11 a.m. in the Library.** All are welcome to attend.
- **Christ UMC (4509 Highcrest Road) is holding their annual TA DA! Quilt Program & Sale on Thursday, June 20th at 9:30 a.m.** Join quilters and other fabric artists, share your projects, enjoy refreshments and fellowship, and purchase gift items. Proceeds benefit the UWF.

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