



✠ *Indicates worshippers may stand as they are comfortable*

### GATHERING

Music for Gathering	<i>Give to Us Laughter</i>	Rev. Jim West
Gathering		
✠ Threshold Moment		<i>Thy Word is a Lamp</i>
✠ Song of Faith	<i>We've a Story to Tell to the Nations</i>	Rev. Jim West
Opening to God (ReAssurance)		

### ENGAGING

✠ Song for Illumination		<i>More Light</i>
The Word		Isaiah 9:1-4
The Word in Music	<i>Smile</i>	Rev. Jim West
	Message:	
	<i>Lighten Up</i>	
	Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak	

Practices for the Week

### THANKSGIVING

✠ Prayers of the People		<i>Open Unto Me</i>
Offering		
✠ Doxology		

### SENDING

Upcoming		
✠ Song of Going Forth	<i>Take Time to Be Funny</i>	
Blessing		
Music for Going Out	<i>When the Poor Ones</i>	Rev. Jim West

## Suggestions for Laughter Possibilities

Place this card somewhere where you will see it every day and remember to expose yourself to something funny throughout the week (remember that if you don't feel like laughing, it is OK...whether you laugh or not, seeing others laugh has benefits).

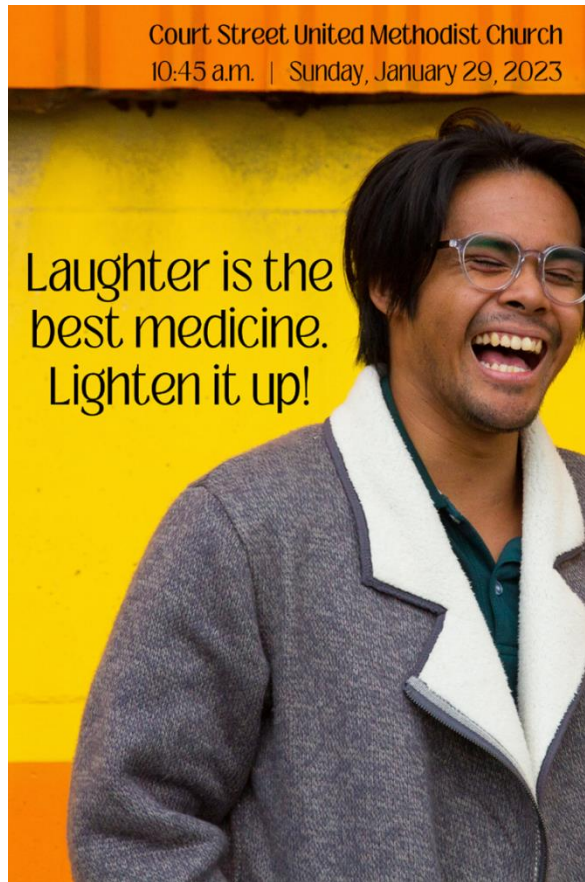
Some ideas are:

- google "funny animal videos" or babies laughing
- find a movie you've laughed at before and view it
- find a stand-up comedy show to attend or watch
- gather with friends and family and tell funny memory stories

**God of Delight,  
I give you thanks for good humor and joy!  
Open my eyes to the light of possibilities,  
even when the day ahead holds difficulties.  
Be with me, near me, beside me.  
Amen.**

Court Street United Methodist Church  
10:45 a.m. | Sunday, January 29, 2023

Laughter is the  
best medicine.  
Lighten it up!



## Vanco Giving:



### GET CONNECTED

*Please fill in this portion, tear off at perforations & hand it to the usher as you leave.*

#### Helping connect the Body of Christ

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- guest    regular attendee    member
- I participated in Hands on Mission and Service project(s) this week

Prayer request for \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

The celebration or concern is for \_\_\_\_\_

- I desire a pastoral call/visit. (Circle one.)
- Confidential (I only want the Pastor/Staff to know).
- Please publish in the prayer list.
- Please send Prayer Ministry Card.

## Worship Credits

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-730966. All rights reserved.  
All liturgy and leader parts, unless otherwise notes, by Marcia McFee © www.worshipdesignstudio.com/SAD. Used and adapted with permission.