



COURT STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome
We're so glad you're here!

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GATHERING

Music for Gathering

Sometimes By Step

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*Sometimes the night is beautiful.
Sometimes the sky was so far away.
Sometimes it seemed to stoop
So close you could touch it,
But your heart would break.
Sometimes the morning came too soon.
Sometimes the day could be so hard.
There was so much work left to do,
But so much you'd already done.*

*Oh, God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You.
Oh, God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You.
And I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.*

*Sometimes I think of Abraham;
How one star he saw had been lit for me (him).*

*He was a stranger in this land.
And I am that no less than he
And on this (the) road to righteousness.
Sometimes the climb can be so steep
I may falter in my steps
And never beyond Your reach.*

*Oh, God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You.
Oh, God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You.
And I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.*

*And I will follow You all of my days.
And I will follow You all of my days.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.*

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*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way,*

*still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

One:

Energizing God, we give you thanks for the gift of movement and our physical bodies.
Open our eyes to the light of possibilities, even when the day ahead holds difficulties.

All:

Be with us, near us, beside us. Amen.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

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*Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

*The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

*Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

*Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Opening to God (ReAssurance)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ENGAGING

Song for Illumination

More Light

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*More light, more truth
is breaking from Your Word.*

*More light, more truth,
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.*

The Word

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Psalm 119:1-8

*More light, more truth
is breaking from Your Word.*

*More light, more truth,
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.*

The Word in Music

Walkin' on Sunshine

Rev. Jim West

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Message

Walk This Way

Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Practices for the Week



Suggestions for Getting Yourself Moving

Place this card somewhere where you will see it this week to remind you to keep moving in some way.

Some ideas are:

- find a walking partner and set a time to meet, walk, and talk
- listen to an uplifting podcast while you walk or exercise to add more benefit
- wiggle your toes, talk with your hands, fly like a bird with your arms
- put on your favorite dance music and have a ball!

**Energizing God,
I give you thanks for the gift of movement
and my physical body.
Open my eyes to the light of possibilities,
even when the day ahead holds difficulties.
Be with me, near me, beside me.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Open Unto Me

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*Open unto me, light for my darkness,
light for my darkness, open unto me.
Open unto me, light for my darkness,
open unto me, O God.*

*Open unto me, strength for my weakness,
open unto me, O God.*

*Open unto me, strength for my weakness,
strength for my weakness, open unto me.*

*Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
peace for my turmoil, open unto me.
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
open unto me, O God.*

The Lord's Prayer

*Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
peace for my turmoil, open unto me.*

*Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
open unto me, O God.*

Offering

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Prayer of Dedication

One: Let us pray...

All: On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and, with the addition of your blessing, there is enough for all. Amen.

Doxology

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*Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SENDING

Upcoming

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*We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing,
we are dancing, dancing,
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing,
we are dancing, dancing,
we are dancing in the light of God.*

*We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing,
we are singing, singing,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, marching,
we are singing, singing,
we are singing in the light of God.*

*We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, walking,
we are walking, walking,
we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, walking,
we are walking, walking,
we are walking in the light of God.*

Blessing

Music for Going Out

Cry of My Heart

Rev. Jim West

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