**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

343 Scott Street, Ripon Wisconsin *(920) 748-2544*

[*www.OurSavioursUCCRipon.com*](http://www.OurSavioursUCCRipon.com)

Easter Sunday Early Service April 17, 2022

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
**P: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**
L: Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears.
**P: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**L: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.
**P: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

\*HYMN: “Because He Lives” with Matt Maher Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: O, Redeeming God, like Mary of Magdala weeping at the tomb, we, too, have witness the wonders of your work with our own teary eyes. In this hour, O God, elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that other may be awakened through our preaching and proclaiming the good news: news of healing, peace, justice, and community for all people. Amen.***

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:1-12

MEDITATION: “He is not here, but has Risen!” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Scandal of Grace” with Hillsong United Projected

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us and more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In stillness and in silence, let us acknowledge the ways we have been separated from the richness of who you have called us to be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ALL: We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection. In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope. Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you,***

***we trust that not even death can separate us from you and the creative ways you show your love for us.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of Jesus, our Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of God is set free in you to open new possibilities for you to live a life of love for others in service as you are loved and served by God.

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

HYMN: “Come as You are” with David Crowder Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

 VISUAL REFLECTION: “Reborn” during the passing of the elements

\*BENEDICTION

L: As we go forth, may you be reminded of the creative renewing energy of God. May you be witnesses of the wonders of God’s work in the world through Christ. May you be reminded of the possibilities of victory and glory amidst death and despair. And may God be gracious to you and give you peace.

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Postlude