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

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Proper 23 Anniversary Celebration Oct. 07th & 10th, 2021

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

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Hebrews 4:12-16)

L: The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

**P: We cannot hide for we are naked and laid bare to the one whom we must render an account.**

L: Let us hold fast to our confession before Jesus who was tested as you and I
and yet was without sin.

**P: We approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.**

\*HYMN: “The Church of Christ in Every Age” B306/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: O God, you sowed the seeds of justice when you created this world. Though your bountiful creation has enough for everyone, it is hardly divided fairly. There are those who struggle to get their daily bread each day and then there are those who have more than they can use in their lifetime. May we remember that all we have comes from you and that you have entrusted to us all that we have. May we take your commandments to heart so we can do as Jesus asks of us. Grant that we, O God, use this hour to work in our ministries to end this disparity. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Amos 5:6-7,10-15

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven’t opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need.**

**But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things. True comfort comes from God’s love for us and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger. By God’s love we are forgiven. Let us do likewise. Amen.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Hebrews 4:12-16

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:17-31

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

 An animated retelling of the gospel story

CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES

SPECIAL MUSIC: "One Hand, One Heart” from *West Side Story*by Bernstein

sung by Becky Mulder, Barb Schouten, Patricia Gittens, Boni Jensen Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “The Nicene Creed” Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Till I Found You” by Phil Wickham Projected

MEDITATION: “Jesus Loved Him” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” B1/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering plates by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: We should not forget that our offering should be the first fruits of our labors which we dedicate to God. Not only do we honor God by this offering, but it also helps us not to keep the best of what we have for ourselves. By giving our first fruits to God, we help to ensure that those who have little will receive something and we who have much do not keep it entirely for ourselves.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: Generous God, we thank you for all that we have for all of it comes from you. We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you. May our offerings sustain and support the work of this church to close the disparity
between those who have much and those who have little in this community. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude

[Today is a Breakfast Sundays for those who feel comfortable enough to participate. The breakfast is downstairs in the fellowship hall and will be served buffet style. We cannot guarantee safety from Covid-19 and trust you to make your best choice thinking of safety first. All are welcome as you feel able to join us and participate.]

**THIS WEEK’S COMING EVENTS**

**Thurs. October 7 6:30pm Worship Service - *Golden Anniversary Thursday***

**Sun. October 10 9:00amWorship Service - *Golden Anniversary Sunday***

 ***After Worship Breakfast in Fellowship Hall***

**10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**Mon. October 11 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Church Council Meeting**

**Tues.**  **October 12 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. October 13 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Four**

**Thurs. October 14 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Fri. October 15 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. October 17 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

 **10:15am Altar Guild Meeting in Conference Room**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Mon. October 18 5:30pm Christian Education Meeting**

 **6:30pm Evangelism Meeting**

**Tues. October 19 6:45pm Missions Meeting**

**Wed. October 20 5:15pm Confirmation Session Five**

**Thurs. October 21** **6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. October 24 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If any of your contact information changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** Our next Drive-Thru Communion will be happening on November 7th. On October 3rd, we had 11 individuals participate.

**LOOSE COIN UPDATE:** We are still using the loose coins in the offering plate for special projects. You can still give by specifying on the envelope that it is for Stewardship loose coin offering. Thanks to all for your continued support.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINES:** If you are interested in getting information placed in the bulletin, or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, these requests are needed by **Tuesday, 11am.** This deadline ensures our delivered bulletins are received before Thursday/Sunday Service!

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!**

We welcome all visitors and guests, and we are glad you can join us for our services.

**Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online, if you would like one mailed to you, please let us know. Weekly hymns are being printed and some are available in the vestibule by the bulletins.**

 Primary Worship Service is Thursday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am.

Both services are live streamed, and a video recording is placed on our social media sites to view at any time. For those videos, please visit: www.oursavioursuccripon.com or “Our Saviours United Church of Christ” Facebook page & Youtube Channel

Either the Thursday or Sunday service will be broadcasted via radio at 11:00am on 1600AM WRPN

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  The office hours are: Mon-Friday. 9-Noon. If you need to get into the church at an unopen time, please call the church office and leave a message, or call a church council person.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**:

Attendance: Thursday 6:30 – 22 Sunday 9:00 - 62

Total Livestream Views: Thursday – 58 Sunday – 53

General Fund: $2951 Capital Improvements: $226 OCWM: $322

Thank you so much for your continued support of mailed in and online contributions.

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Phil Manthei

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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***Today’s Bulletin*** – In Memory of Loved Ones, Given by Phil Wepner

 ***Today’s Radio*** – In Memory of Loved Ones, Given by Phil Wepner

***Today’s Altar Flowers*** – In Memory of Lawrence & Irene Prellwitz, Given by the Family

***Birthday Greetings to our Young at Heart (age 50+)***

***Phil Wepner,*** *October 10,* ***Linda Rabe,*** *October 12,* ***Patricia Schaub,*** *October 12,*

***Mary Portz****, October 13,* ***Diane Rasmussen,*** *October 15*

**ALTAR & ORGAN FLOWERS; RADIO BROADCAST; BULLETIN SIGN-UP:** 2021 Sign-up is available on the stand outside of the office! This sign-up is for ALL SPONSORSHIPS! Altar flowers are $25 and Organ flowers are $16 each. Radio Broadcasts are $50 per sponsor & $25 per sponsor per bulletin. You can also send a letter with payment into the office or call the office to sign up. Please remember to send payment in for your signed-up slots.

**LIVE STREAMING:** If you are viewing the worship from one of our social media platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you’re worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:** Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367

**COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE:** The CDC has adjusted some of their guidelines that affect us as a church. If you are fully vaccinated and more than two weeks pass, you can return to normal. If you’re not vaccinated, it is still recommended to wear a mask and maintain 3ft. social distancing. We trust you to make wise decisions for the safety of our community and for your own personal safety.

**AED TRAINING:** At Our Saviour’s, on October 12th at 6:00pm – Contact Dianne Heyn with any Questions

***CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS CONTACT INFO:***

Tom Stellmacher – President 920-896-2679 Bob Lueck – Vice President 920-858-0125

Heidi Schwanke – Secretary 920-229-7853 Phil Manthei – Treasurer 920-369-8237

Judy Heitman 920-219-9941 Dianne Heyn 319-660-0950

Ricky Prellwitz 920-229-5994 Patti Schaalma 920-460-2923

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of October, any non-perishable foods are the recommended items to be donated.

**CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:**Richard J. Foster, in his Christian classic, “Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth” gives us twelve of the most popular Christian spiritual disciplines to help us grow closer to God. He divides them into three groups, inward focused growth, outward focused growth, and corporate focused growth. I want to share with you the third of these from the Corporate focused growth called Guidance.

 Guidance is not a well know public practice in churches in the US because it involves the whole community working together to discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit as all hearts are move together through a shared dwelling in a passage of scripture, a shared listening to one another, a shared time of silence and prayer to open the community to God’s spirit guiding.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Barb Schultz, Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, Audrey Cluppert’s Brother, Roy Gomoll, Linda Rabe, 15 unspoken, and all others.

**OTHER ANNOUCEMENTS**

**19th ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER:** Join us for our 19th Annual Turkey Dinner on **Saturday, October 30th.** Tickets will be $12, with 600 tickets available. Tickets will be available at the church office from 9AM to NOON, Monday-Friday, along with Thursday evenings, and Sunday mornings. Tickets will also be available at Ripon Drug and Webster’s. Limited home delivery service will be available in Ripon 11AM to 1pm, and 4pm to 6pm. Call the Church by **Thursday, October 28th,** at 920-748-2544. Drive thru service will available in the east entrance parking from 11am to 1pm, and 4pm to 6pm. The donation board is in the north entrance which is accessible 24 hours! A percentage of the profit will be going to the Ripon Area School District for children in need. We are also seeking donations for the turkey dinner – If anyone has any good cooking apples, ***please contact Nanny Henning at 920-229-3486.***

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Is today and Sunday, October 10th,** for couples celebrating 50 years and more of marriage. ***Congratulations to these couples!***

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST:** On Sunday, October 10th, we will be having breakfast after the 9AM Worship Service .The meal will be served buffet style, with **no food brought in**. All baked goods will be made in the church kitchen, and all served on disposable dishes. There will be a donation taken for the breakfast. We’re excited to see everyone, and join together for food and fellowship, something we have all been waiting for. ***We are trying to make things as safe as possible – Any Questions? Reach out to Nancy Henning at 920-229-3486.***



Sunday, October 19th is World Mental Health Day.

Mental Health includes our emotional, social, and psychological health. And the state of Well-being is just as important to children as it is to the elderly. Mental Health problems are common, but they do not have to a be permanent part of life for everyone. Early warning signs can be unusual or severe mood swings, confusion, forgetful, low energy, eating or sleeping too much or too little. Mental Health allows a person to cope with stress, have a sense of wellbeing and be productive. Ways to achieve or maintain Mental Health are to get professional health if needed, stay positive and connect with others. Physical activity, getting enough sleep and helping others can also help you to feel better.

*(Information for this article was compiled from Mental Health.gov/basics/What is Mental Health 5/28/2020).*

*Tuesdays 9AM-12PM are Walk-In Blood Pressure Tests! Come Swing By!*

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***GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES***

***MARRIED 50+ YEARS***

***(10/01/20-09/30/21)***

***72 years: Edwin and Marion Vande Brink***

***70 years: Allan and Elaine Mortenson***

***67 years: Lawrence and Delores Retzlaff***

***66 years: Chester and Donna Burton***

***64 years: Donald and Caroline Retzlaff***

***65 years: Glenn and Genevieve Fude***

***63 years: Chris and Charlett Wiegand***

***60 years: Henry and Shirley Grams***

***60 years: Orrin and Josephine Luedke***

***59 years: Ronald and Iona Altnau***

***59 years: James and Sandra Badtke***

***58 years: Richard and Janet Sommer***

***57 years: Norman and Wilma Koplin***

***56 years: Ernest and Ida Neuenfeldt***

***53 years: David and Lucy Bloch***

***53 years: Roy and Noann Gomoll***

***53 years: Clifford and Lois Nitz***

***53 years: Gary and Cheryl Lieske***

***53 years: Jon and Shirley Badtke***

***52 years: Ronald and Darcy Triemstra***

***52 years: Lester and Linda Rabe***

***52 years: Robert and Sandra Krueger***

***52 years: William and Diane Koski***

***50 years: Gary and Janie Failor***

 ***50 years: Thomas and Judy Heitmann***