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

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

Prelude Accompanist: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving: Everything in us says   
**P: Thank you!**

L: At worship in this sacred place, we say it again:   
**P: Thank you!**

L: For your love, for your faithfulness;   
**P: Thank you!**

L: When earth’s rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD, they’ll sing of what you’ve done:   
**P: How great the glory of GOD!**

L: Finish what you started in us, GOD. Your love is eternal–stay with us, now, that we may say   
**P: Thank you!**

\*HYMN: “Christ is the World’s True Light” R143/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**All: Loving God, we thank you for you have done for us and all that you are doing for us. Empower us to live your love in the world, to share your grace and mercy in the world, and to forgive each other in the world as you have forgiven us. 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: Genesis 3:8-15

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 130

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Leadership and governance is on everyone’s mind these days. Competing visions of the common good strive for our attention. Like the people of Israel in today’s text, we may be tempted to seek rulers whose ways are not the ways of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: When we forget that God’s ways lead all to the blessings of justice and mercy:

**P: Lord have mercy.**

L: When we forget that God’s ways lead all, especially the most vulnerable, to blessings of safety, health, meaningful work:   
**P: Christ have mercy.**

L: When we forget that God’s ways lead all to the blessings of the shared abundance of God’s beloved creation:   
**P: Lord have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Jesus reminds us: “Who is my mother, and who are my sisters and brothers? All those who do the will of God are my brother and sister and mother.” In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts at community,  
and invited afresh to rejoin the family of God, seeking blessing for all.

**P: We give God our praise!**

Passing of the Peace [Given by Minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 3:20-35

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH CHILDREN: Animated Gospel Story

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “Apostle’s Creed” (older language) 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**

VISUAL REFLECTION: “Holy Spirit” with Bryan & Katie Torwalt Projected

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: “The Church’s One Foundation” R152/Projected

MEDITATION: Thanks Increases Thanksgiving Rev. Jeffrey Dodson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: St Paul writes of confidence in the power of God revealed in the resurrection of Jesus that must underlie a life of faithfulness and generosity: “I believed, and so I spoke”. Today, let us believe, and give with generosity that God’s goodness may be known in the world.

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, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.**

HYMN: “Let us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2 R210/Projected

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*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

**THIS WEEK’S COMING EVENTS**

**Sun. June 6 9:00 am Worship with Communion**

**10:30am Drive Thru Communion; NO ADULT ED**

**Mon. June 7 Office open 9-Noon**

**Tues.**  **June 8 Office open 9-Noon**

**Wed. June 9 Office open 9-Noon**

**Thurs. June 10 Office open 9-Noon**

**6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary with Rev. Mundell**

**Fri. June 11 Office open 9-Noon**

**Sun. June 13 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary**

**10:15am Adult Ed**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Thurs. June 17 6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. June 20 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary**

**10:15am Adult Ed**

**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.

**DRIVE THRU COMMUNION:** First Sunday of every month, with our next Drive Thru Communion happening after Worship at 10:30am under the carport.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** Will continue through August. Our Church Council will re-evaluate the service in late summer.

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

**VAN SERVICE:** The church council has begun discussion on how and when to try and restart our lift van service for Sunday worship services. We realized that we need input from church members. First, would you or do you know of a family member that would regularly use the fan service if we got it going again? Second, what would be your expectations for safety, such as all seats wiped between uses? Or only vaccinated riders? Or only vaccinated van drivers and helpers? Etc? We are trying to gather information on this before our next council meeting to have a better discussion on how to move forward.

**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

**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell revdrmundell@me.com 920-385-8990

**Parish Nurse Search in Progress**

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**UPDATED 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.

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** Bob Meyer **Liturgist:**  Dianne Heyn

**Organist:** Craig Bowden

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**CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**:

Attendance: Thursday 6:30 – 11 Sunday 9:00 - 36

Total Livestream Views: Thursday – 62 Sunday – 54

General Fund: $1664 Capital Improvements: $226 OCWM: $190

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

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

***Gary Failor****, June 7,* ***Ida Neuenfeldt,*** *June 7,* ***Sara Splittgaber,*** *June 9****,***

***Dave Pinnow,*** *June 11,* ***Doris Schwandt,*** *June 11,* ***Jerry Wenzel,*** *June 11,*

***James Badtke,*** *June 12,* ***Sandra Mueller,*** *June 12,* ***Mary Schultz,*** *June 12*

**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:** With the new lighting in place, we have also upgraded our internet capabilities within the Sanctuary. This will result in more consistent and better video quality, and less delays for our virtual attendees. Next, we plan to begin work on integrating the Radio’s audio into our own livestream, for better audio quality. If you need any help accessing the live stream, please reach out to Conrad Winkelman.

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

**COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE:** In watching the changing guidelines from the CDC, we are freeing up more pew options for people to sit in during the service. The social distance requirements are being shrunk as better science is improving our understanding. We will continue to adapt as we have better information available.

**VACATION/ON CALL:** Rev. Mundell will be on vacation June 3rd through the 10th He will be back in time for the Thursday night worship service on the 10th. There will be several pastors on call so if you have a pastoral emergency, please call a council member and they will get in touch with a pastor on call.

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

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

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**UCC CHURCH CAMP:** Are OPEN for 2021! Due to COVID-19, safety practices and procedures in place that will help to keep our communities safe. This means that camp and retreats will be a little different this year – including reduced capacity, wearing of face coverings, doing health screenings, enhanced cleaning, safe check-ins and more. For more information, please visit the UCC’s Website, at ucci.org/events/

**CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:** For individuals interested in a Church Camp this year, if eligible, we encourage you to apply for one of Our Saviour’s scholarships to help in making the trip to Moon Beach, Pilgrim Center, or even Cedar Valley. Reach out to Scholarship Committee with any questions.

**GENERAL SYNOD 33:** July 11th – July 18th; Registration has just begun for this year’s virtual conference. Hear from a variety of keynote speakers, with all types of workshops available during the week. For more information, including a detailed agenda, please visit the following UCC Website, at generalsynod.org

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Barb Schultz, Billi Kaufman, Ed Vande Brink, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Len Quinn, Kay Quinn, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, Nancy Mills, Jack Person ,13 unspoken, and all others.