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

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Proper 22 World Communion Sunday Sept. 30 & Oct. 03, 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

L: We were created in relationship and for relationship.
**P: We are created for community!**

L: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.
**P: We are created for community!**

L: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.
**P: We are created for community!**

L: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.
**P: We are created for community!**

\*HYMN: “Founded on Thee, Our Only Lord” R154/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: Gracious and merciful God, you have called us to be your community through the work of your holy spirit. Bless us as we lift our voices in praise, as we open ourselves to your unending love. Continue to transform us through your spirits work as we center ourselves on all that Jesus did for us on the cross. 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 2:18-24

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 8

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God-made-flesh, Bone of our bone, we confess that we think we can go it alone, that we try to do it all, that in doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us: the bone of our bone, the flesh of our flesh, the bodies you created, and the relationships you created us for.

**ALL: Jesus Christ, you who became human for us and call us to community, remind us that in you we are one. Awake in us a respect for one another; and celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.**

L: May it be so now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: You are part of God’s divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone.
Know now that in the name of Jesus you are forgiven and called back into relationship with God and with one another.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:2-16

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “The Apostles Creed” (older version) 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “This is my Father’s World” Projected

 Sung by Pat Gittens, Barb Schouten, Becky Mulder, Bonnie Jenson

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: “Come to the Table” by Sidewalk Prophets Projected

MEDITATION: “Receive the Kingdom” Rev. Kevin Mundell

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: In communion with one another, let us share what we have received, knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity.

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: God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts that they might be a blessing to all flesh. Amen.**

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

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. October 3 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary with Communion**

 **10:30am Drive Thru Communion under Carport**

**Mon. October 4 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Tues.**  **October 5 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. October 6 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Three**

**Thurs. October 7 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary – *Golden Anniversary***

**Fri. October 8 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. October 10 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary - *Golden Anniversary***

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

 **10:15am Adult Ed**

 **10: 15am Sunday School**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. October 13 5:15pm Confirmation Session Four**

**Thurs. October 14** **Golden Anniversary - 6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. October 17 Golden Anniversary - 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:** The Church Council and Rev. Mundell have decided that Drive thru communion will continue through December, and then be reevaluated. Our next Drive-Thru Communion will be happening on October 3rd. Thursday and Sunday worship will continue as we have a significant amount of people participating both in-person and live-streaming at both services.

**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.

**VAN SERVICE:** Now available! Call the Church Office before Noon on Friday to ensure your name is on the list to be picked up for the following Sunday.

**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 – 16 Sunday 9:00 - 47

Total Livestream Views: Thursday – 73 Sunday – 57

General Fund: $2255 Capital Improvements: $78.50 OCWM: $181

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

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

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

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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***Today’s Bulletin*** – In Memory of Betty Miller; Given by her Family

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

***Keith Mulder,*** *October 2,* ***Chris Wiegand,*** *October 2,* ***Donna Burton,*** *October 3,* ***Judy Koplin,*** *October 7,* ***Carol Prellwitz,*** *October 7,* ***Christina Sabel,*** *October 7,* ***Evelyn Thom,*** *October 7*

**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.

**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.

**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 second of these from the Corporate focused growth called Worship.

 Worship is a publicly experience reality, to touch life. It is to know, to feel, to experience the resurrected Christ during the gathered community. It is a breaking in of the radiance of God to the community and to us. It is a giving of ourselves completely over to God and seeking to serve one another in the presence of God. It is a spiritual discipline or practice of letting go of everything we cling to in the presence of God and simply focusing our all on God.

**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 SUNDAY:** We will celebrate Anniversary Sunday on **Thursday, October 7th and Sunday, October 10th,** for couples celebrating 50 years and more of marriage. These couples are invited to come to either the **Thursday night service at 6:30pm**, or the **Sunday service at 9:00am**. If they do not feel comfortable doing so, *we completely understand.* During service, pictures of the anniversary couples will be displayed. ***Congratulations to these couples!***

**BREAKFAST NEWS:** On Sunday, October 10th, we will be having breakfast after the 9AM Worship Service to celebrate Anniversary Sunday at Church. 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.***

**SEVERE STORMS 2021:** Nearly one in three Americans lives in a county hit by a weather disaster in the past three months (June-August), the Washington Post reported. More than 20 U.S. states from the South to the Northeast are reeling from the impact of just one of those disasters: Hurricane Ida and its sizeable remnants, which left catastrophic water and wind damage, including significant power outages. And hurricane season is far from over. Recovery needs, both short- and long-term, will be massive, with damage estimates in the billions of dollars. What’s the best way to help now? Send money. UCC Disaster Response and Recovery Minister Lesli Remaly said of Hurricane Ida, “For a storm this size, money makes good sense as we know long-term recovery and rebuilding will be necessary.” If you are looking for a place to donate, please visit *ucc.org/appeal-servere-storms-2021/*, or one can also mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note “2021 Severe Storms” on your check in the memo section, or in an attached letter.

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UCC – AFGHAN REFUGEES:** Many have asked how they might offer their support to the 7,000 Afghan Refugees who have arrived at Fort McCoy. Team Rubicon, a national non-profit will create the means to harness volunteers and donors into areas that will make the greatest impact. Currently, Team Rubicon is only accepting NEW item donations. Anyone interested in supporting Team Rubicon, should email: resettlementsupport@teamrubiconusa.org to request their most recent list of new item needs. No used items will be accepted by Team Rubicon.

**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!



*October is National Domestic Violence Month*

Every 9 seconds a woman in the U.S. is assaulted or beaten by a current or ex-significant other.

 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

There are many reasons why the victims stay: low self-esteem, danger in leaving, the honeymoon period after the abuse, feeling that it is “my fault, or too much to lose if they leave such as financial security, children, marriage, etc. Some signs of an abusive relationship are physical or sexual abuse, extreme controlling, possessiveness or jealousy and threats to you or your family.

If you are in an abusive relationship, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233 or 911

 *(Information for this article was compiled from Healthgrade Insights 2021 Health Observance Calendar October 2021).*

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