

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Four

April 18 & 21, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

P: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.

L: When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

P: When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.

L: We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

P: Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.

L: Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

P: Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.

***HYMN: "Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven"**

R134/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy God, you sent us Jesus as our comforter and guide. We give you thanks for the ways he cares for us. Help us be empowered to join him in protecting the oppressed and marginalized. We pray this in gratitude for your provision. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Spirit of the Living God"**

B283/Projected

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: Acts 4:5-12

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Shepherding Christ, even as you lay down your life for us, we confess our unwillingness to support those in need. Too often, we may be more like the one who runs away in times of trouble. We aren't always bold enough to protect the powerless; following your example is rarely easy or

comfortable. Forgive us. Help us lay down our apathy and follow your example. Remind us that we belong to one another, and to you. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Leader: Beloved of God, receive this comfort. It is impossible to respond to every need in this complicated world. A full life of faith gives us the grace to lay down our work, take the rest we need, then refocus our energy toward the cause of the oppressed. Rest in the shelter of your Good Shepherd, knowing you can take up the cause again with restored souls.

ALL: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 John 3:16-24

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Lord's Prayer: Doxology & Amen Projected
From Luther House of Study

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ 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

SUN. SPECIAL MUSIC: "Goodness of God" by CeCe Winans
With the Scott Street Puppet Ministry

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, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: "Holy Forever" with Chris Tomlin Projected
(New #1 Hymn on Praise and Worship charts)

MEDITATION: "We Know Love by This" Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord is Risen" R138/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Jesus offers us fullness of life, protecting us and advocating for our needs.

What will you give to join him in the work of building beloved community 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 (Responsive)

ALL: Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. 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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	April 21	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
Mon.	April 22	9:00 am - Visitation for Edna Schwandt, 11: 00 am Memorial Service with luncheon to follow 6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	April 23	5:30 pm - Community Meal at First Congregational Church of Ripon 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting
Thurs.	April 25	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
Sat.	April 27	10:00 am - Visitation for Janice L Handrich, 12:00 pm Memorial Service, with luncheon to follow

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	April 28	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
Mon.	April 29	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	April 30	5:00 pm - Community Meal at St Chatherine of Siena Catholic Parish 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack meeting
Thurs.	May 2	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel

OSUCC QR CODE FOR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS



For your convenience, we have set up a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to make contributions to OSUCC via PayPal. If you've never done this before, it's quite simple. Just focus your phone camera on the QR code then tap on the word paypal.com when it appears.

The link will open our OSUCC PayPal page and you can use your debit or credit card to contribute. You'll have the option to do a one-time contribution or set it up as a monthly contribution.



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

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

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.

Join us for worship on or Sunday's at 9:00 am and Thursday's at 6:30 pm

Sunday Service is broadcast live via radio at 11:00AM on WRPN, AM station 1600.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and available at your convenience. If you are viewing worship from one of our Social Media Platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad Winkelman.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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DuWayne Polcyn April 21, Keri Burzynski, Christine Krueger, and James Lieske April 22, Faith Leavitt April 24, Quinten Kuehn April 25, Carroll Schilf and Maverick Towne, April 27

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Thursday: 7	Sunday : 74	Total: 81
Livestream Views:	Thursday: 99	Sunday: 95	Total: 194
General Fund: \$3439.00	OCWM: \$219.50	Capital Improvements: \$271.50	

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

IN OUR PRAYERS

OSUCC member, Edna Schwandt, passed away April 12, 2024 at Prairie Place. The visitation for Edna is Monday, April 22nd, from 9:00 am - 11:00. The memorial service will begin at 11:00 am with a luncheon to follow. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.



Janice Handrich, mother-in-law of Elizabeth Handrich, passed away April 8, 2024. The visitation for Janice is Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The memorial service will begin at noon with luncheon to follow. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items *for April are:*

Apple sauce, canned proteins (such as chicken, ham, tuna, salmon), canned beans, canned soup or chili, canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, baby food, baby formula, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, peanut butter, nuts, pasta and sauce, or canned vegetables.

These can be brought to the East Narthex. It is always best to buy canned items with a pull-tab for ease of opening and avoid glass containers whenever possible. Thank you to all who have already donated this month.

RIPON AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

OSUCC is hosting the Ripon Area Vacation Bible School this summer, and we are very excited! This year's theme is SCUBA, Diving Into Friendship with God. Dates will be July 28th - August 1st. Registration is not yet open on Facebook.



There are many ways to help so if you would enjoy volunteering, please contact Ricky Prellwitz at rlpdeerhunter@charter.net or Debbie Prellwitz at debster60@charter.net.

CHURCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

It's that time again! OSUCC will be holding a Brat Fry at Webster's Market on Friday, May 3rd from 9:00 till 3:00 PM with proceeds going to Ripon's own Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Bakers and workers in the stand are needed and the sign-up sheets are in the East Narthex now. Choose how you'd like to help with this endeavor, and we thank you so much for helping!

EFFECTIVE MAY 1 - CHANGES TO CHURCH SECURITY DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Over the last several months, discussions have been held relating to additional security for the Church during worship services. We are going to be contacting CEC (our current security company) for additional recommendations to increase our security.

As an initial step, we will limit the number of doors that will be unlocked for worship services and other Church activities. The only doors that will be unlocked are doors 1, 8, and 9 on Scott Street and door 2 at the East Narthex entrance. All other doors will always remain locked, apart from Thursday evening when the Chapel ramp door 7 will be open for the worship service. These changes will take effect on May 1, 2024.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

In need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

***IN OUR PRAYERS:** Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, 23 Unspoken, the family and friends of Edna Schwandt, the family and friends of Janice Handrich, and all others.*

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **bulletin** or would like to sponsor an item, please email the office or drop it off by **Tuesday at 11am**. Events, committee updates, etc. for the **May Messenger** can be emailed to osuccripon1@gmail.com or dropped off at church office by Saturday, **April 20th**. Thank you!