

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Epiphany February 13 & 16, 2025

* *All who are able please stand* L: *Leader*; P: *People*
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Meditate on God's word day and night.

P: Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Plant yourself like a tree and yield good fruit in due season.

P: Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Prosper in all that you do according to kingdom measures.

P: Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We adore thee" R13/Projected

*INVOCATION

ALL: Righteous God, you create us for community, and you commune with us. May we seek your presence anew this day and in the time to come. Help us to recognize you in the sound and feel of our own breath and in the movement or noise of those around us. Embolden us to faith that surpasses understanding and ministry that reflects radical trust in you and the path of abundance, compassion, and connection. Let our worship in song and prayer be a foreshadowing of our worship in action and witness. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love in your name. Amen.

*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Jeremiah 17:5-10

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Abiding God, you come near to us. We give thanks that you do not turn away from us when our lives reflect messiness, ungraciousness, and complacency. Take us deeper, O God, and help us to confront what needs to be known, addressed, and changed within us, our community, and our world. Forgive us and free us from guilt and shame so that we might embrace a life of accountability and transformation for the glory of God and for the hope of humanity. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Good creation of God, the Holy One has begun a good work in you and will see it through to completion. You have power to transform and grace to enter the newness of life. God is near and comes down with us. Receive God's mercy, forgiveness, and grace as the gift that has been given to you by Jesus. It is yours, and enough.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:17-26

A TIME OF LEARNING: Royal Priesthood Series
"Jesus the Royal Priest"

Projected
with the ABP

*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**

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: “The Beatitudes” with Hillsong

Projected

MEDITATION: “Blessings and Woes”

Rev. Mundell

*HYMN: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

R272/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Blessed are we when we bring forth our gifts for the needs of the poor, the pursuit of justice, the nurturing of community, the honoring of difference, and the goal of the common good. Woe to us when we mistake abundance as scarcity and generosity as a handout. God has given enough gifts for all to be well. By sharing our blessings, we demonstrate faith, trust and love.

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, you have planted generosity in our hearts. Receive our gifts as part of your redemptive work to save the world from inequities, pain, and despair. May our resources be renewed and magnified so that all needs are met, and your name be praised. 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



OUR SAVIOUR'S
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 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and 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.

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

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please 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 let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and 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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Patti Schaalma Feb 16, Elizabeth Handrich Feb 17, Noann Gomoll Feb 19

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 82	Total: 88
Sunday:	In-Person: 48	Livestream: 139	Total: 187

General Fund: \$1,966.00 OCWM: \$117.00 Capital Improvements: \$141.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder **Liturgist:** Rick Stracy **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2025 Scholarship applications are available in the East Narthex by the presentation monitor, in the church office, or at the countertop directly across from the church office door. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2025, and the applications can be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING

Our OSUCC Annual Meeting is on Sunday, February 16th at 10:15 am and we encourage all members to participate by attending this important meeting. Printed copies of the Annual Report document are available at all the main entrances to the Sanctuary, the Chapel, the East Narthex, and the Church office. Thank you!

RAMA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tickets are on sale now in our Church office for RAMA's upcoming Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:30 am till 7:30 am at Mr. & Mrs. P's here in Ripon. A full breakfast buffet is being served, with coffee included in the ticket price of \$14.

Seven area churches are selling tickets, and tickets do need to be purchased by February 20th to give the restaurant a headcount for food preparations. Come add your prayers for Ripon, enjoy a wonderful breakfast buffet, and good fellowship!

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2025 contribution envelopes have been moved onto the bookcase on the far right in the Conference room. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *February* are:



Oatmeal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper type meals; any fresh fruits and vegetables; canned soups; canned chili; tortillas.

The Ripon Community Food Pantry is now accepting donations of toilet paper, paper towels, boxes of tissues, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and bath soap. They also have a pending grant to meet their 2025 goal of providing fresh milk, eggs, and butter to pantry clients.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Jim Clausen, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Barb Schultz, Ron Triemstra, Chris Wiegand, and 9 Unspoken.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Ash Wednesday is March 5th and during the next five Wednesday 6:30 pm mid-week Lenten services we will be studying the Apostle Paul's first letter to his understudy, Timothy. 1 Timothy focuses on Paul's instructions to Timothy to help him deal with conflict in the church in Ephesus.

- Week 1: "Timothy's Commission and Paul's Poems"
- Week 2: Instructions to live by (Prayer and Leadership)
- Week 3: More Instructions to Live by (How to be Good Ministers)
- Week 4: Duties Toward Believers (How We Talk to One Another)
- Week 5: Final Instructions to the Church and Timothy

Please join us for this interesting Lenten study series!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Feb. 13 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. Feb. 15 **Messenger Article Deadline**
10:00 am - Private Baptism
- Sun. Feb. 16 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - OSUCC Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary
- Mon. Feb. 17 4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Christian Ed Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Feb. 18 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel Methodist
5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Feb. 20 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:00 pm - **Deadline to purchase tickets for RAMA Prayer Breakfast**
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Feb. 23 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Education
- Mon. Feb. 24 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Feb. 25 6:30 am - **RAMA Prayer Breakfast at Mr. & Mrs. P's Eatery, Ripon**
5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at 1st Congregational
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Blue & Gold Dinner and Crossover Ceremony



QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.

