

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Season of Epiphany February 20 & 23, 2025

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

Prelude Accompanists: Terri Wilke (Thur.) & Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, Beloved, and release your frenzied fear.

**P: We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.**

L: Let meekness rise as strength of soul.

**P: May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.**

L: May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working.

**P: May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.**

L: May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.

**\*HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" R21/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Holy Love, bear in us a new beginning. Soften our hearts and still our minds into Your gracious embrace. Hold the worries and wanderings of our lives. Gift us with the renewing energy of Your Holy Spirit. Let it meet our fatigue and form in us a deepened commitment to your vision of the beloved community. Yes, mold us with Christ-love into agents of Your blessing, for the good of the world. May the cup of our lives run over with this of Your desire. In Your Holy name, we pray. 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: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

**WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

**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: God of the grand reversal, we confess our easy attachment to revenge in its many forms. Instead of interrupting violence, it has been easy to practice it in word and deed. It has been easy to worship the lie of scarcity***

*instead of trusting your promise of abundance. By this, the way of the world has worked into our hearts and minds. Forgive us and free us from ourselves. Equip us anew with an outpouring of Your love. By this of You, form us into channels of grace. Deepen our love, expand our generosity, and mold us and the world with Your abundant mercy. Let the heart and mind of Christ take up residence in us anew. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: I have good news! The Holy One, Love Almighty, interrupts our missteps and misdeeds, our distractions and our detours. In Christ Jesus, God has shown us what forgiving love has already done and continues to do. It heals, it mends and makes a new chapter possible. This is the forgiving power of God that embraces you and me, here and now; you are forgiven. It is the good news! You can trust it with your life.

**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 15:35-38, 42-50**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38**

**A TIME OF LEARNING: Royal Priesthood Series**

**“The Royal Priesthood”**

**Projected  
with the ABP**

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed (UC of Canada)**

**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:**

**with Barb Stracy and Deb Stark**

**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: “Gratitude” with Brandon Lake**

**Projected**

**MEDITATION: “The Jesus Challenge”**

**Rev. Mundell**

\*HYMN: "We Believe in One True God"

R5/Projected

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Jesus reminds us that God works by a different economy. He tells us, "If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High." Friends, by this, joy is given space to rise. May we discover it growing in us as we bring our gifts to God.

## 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, thank you for pressing Your holy love into the lap of our lives. Bless these gifts we bring that they may be multiplied into a good larger than we can imagine. Also, bless us, that we might live our lives in gratitude, sharing freely without expectation of return. Through this way of Jesus, stretch our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of Your Holy grace. 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**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 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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**Tom Badtke Feb 20, Herman Berndt Feb 21, Roberta Tetzlaff Feb 24,  
Philip Michael Busse and Kim Graff Feb 25, Bonnie Perr Feb 26**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 5	Livestream: 170	Total: 175
Sunday:	In-Person: 47	Livestream: 183	Total: 230

General Fund: \$848.00                      OCWM: \$62.50                      Capital Improvements: \$63.50

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**Audio Operator:** Phil Manthei            **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten            **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

There will be no Adult Education class after worship on March 2<sup>nd</sup> because Rev. Mundell will be at First congregational Church assisting with communion while they seek an interim pastor.

**RAMA PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Tickets are on sale now in our Church office for RAMA’s upcoming Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**SPRING FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

Altar Guild is offering the opportunity to purchase Tulips, Daffodils, Easter Lily, Hyacinth, and Crocus to be used on the altar Easter Sunday and then taken home with you to be enjoyed! Sadly, we are not able to offer a donation option any longer. All the lovely plants will be in 6” pots, the Easter Lily is \$15, and the rest are \$12 a plant.

Order forms and payment need to be in our Church office no later than noon on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Hy-Vee’s ordering timeline. Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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.

## 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, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Ron Triemstra, Chris Wiegand, and 9 Unspoken.

## MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Blue & Gold Dinner and Crossover Ceremony

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Feb. 27 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Mar. 2 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - **No Adult Education today**  
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
- Mon. Mar. 3 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Mar. 4 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 5 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary



## QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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



# Spring Flowers for Easter 2025

In Memory of: .....

In Honor of: .....

Given By: .....

Phone #: .....

## Quantity

- \_\_\_\_\_ Crocus, 6" pot - \$12
- \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils, 6" pot - \$12
- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily, 6" pot - \$15
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth, 6" pot - \$12
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips, 6" pot - \$12
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Plants

## Payment

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount

Checks should be made out to Our Saviour's Altar Guild.  
Please return this form and your check to the Church Office by  
Noon on Tuesday, March 18th.