

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Epiphany: Transfiguration Sunday February 27 & March 2, 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: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

P: We have been called to pray and to praise.

L: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

P: May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

L: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

P: May it become a beacon of hope for others.

*HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

R264/Projected

*INVOCATION

ALL: God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, we thank you for meeting us where we are. We thank you also for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten our minds, radiate our hearts, and ready us for Your alive Word of Love. Let it shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world. 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: Exodus 34:29-35

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 99

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: Holy God, it has been easy to live with our eyes veiled. Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us. We have shielded Your light of Love, instead of sharing it. Something deep within has often hardened our hearts, leading to inertia and unfreedom. But there

generously share the gifts, we have received from the One who has born us into life. In this spirit, may we bring our gifts to the one who transfigures everything with 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: O Spirit of Life, shine on us again and again that we may become the blessing you intend. Keep awakening us to Your holy mystery and Your sacred call. Bless these gifts we bring so that Your energy of love may be shared with others and offer the light of a new beginning. By this, and more than we can name, continue to transfigure us and the world. Amen.

*HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" vs. 1&2 R210/Projected
HOLY COMMUNION (INSTERT & PROJECTED)

*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

HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

L: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

L: This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my

blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ’s suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection, and awaiting Christ’s return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

ALL: 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

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

L: The bread is broken and the wine is poured as visible and audible reminders of the sacrificial self giving of Jesus Christ. These actions call to mind the cost as well as the joy of Christian discipleship.

L: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

L: The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase

our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***COMMISSIONING**

L: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.¹⁹



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

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

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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**Amy Borgardt and Trinity Roehl Feb 27, James Koplin Feb 28, Nancy Henning Feb 29,
Jennifer Coats Mar 2, Peter Schieler Mar 4, Darlene Kwiatkoske Mar 5**

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 5	Livestream: 152	Total: 157
Sunday:	In-Person: 49	Livestream: 120	Total: 169

General Fund: \$2,312.00 OCWM: \$129.000 Capital Improvements: \$281.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Cal Fischer **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

BULLETIN SPONSOR

The bulletin for this week is sponsored in loving Memory of Donald Stracy by his family.

WEBSTERS FOUNDATION GRANTS

On February 19th, Our Saviour's received 2 grants from the Webster's Foundation. Nancy Henning was blessed with a grant for \$3,000 to help support our Sharing Table Free Community Meal and Emily Burk (Missions Committee) was awarded a \$1,000 grant for our Matthew 25: Ministries Pill Bottle ministry to fund the cost of shipping the boxes to Blue Ash, OH each month.

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!

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 18th 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 March 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; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; baking soda; brown and white sugar.



The Ripon Community Food Pantry is accepting donations of toilet paper; paper towels; tissues; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; bath soap and laundry 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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who donated soup for Mission's Souper Bowl Sunday Collection for the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Community Food Pantry!

RASD BASIC NEEDS FOR CHILDREN

The Missions Committee will be hosting a drive to help the Ripon Area School District cover basic needs for children of families that are not able to provide those items. We were asked to assist in restocking their Student Needs Closet for the Elementary and Middle Schoolers.

Specific items requested are deodorant, hand and body lotion. We will also be collecting socks and underwear for elementary age children as well as pants (sweatpants or leggings) in sizes 5T-14. A collection box will be in the East Narthex shortly and thank you for anything you can do to help these young ones in our community!

LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE

This year for the season of Lent the Missions Committee will be collecting to help support the Fond du Lac County United Way's "Weekend Hunger Backpack Program". This program addresses food insecurities over the weekend when school children are not able to depend on school cafeteria meals.

Every Friday, qualifying Elementary and Middle school children in our community receive a backpack filled with easy to prepare food items to help them avoid going hungry over the weekend. Currently, this program serves around 80 students in the Ripon Area School District.

According to recent report data, 42% of individuals and families throughout the City of Ripon live in poverty or do not make enough to afford basic needs. Unfortunately, these numbers may well continue to rise.

The total annual program cost is \$10,000 per year. There are currently 3 organizations helping sponsor the program, but a 4th is needed. Our goal is to collect \$2,500 and become the 4th program sponsor needed for this vital food program.

Nutrition is the cornerstone of good health and development, particularly in children, so let's do our best to reach our goal. Thank you!

NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

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

THIS 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 with Communion
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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Mar. 6	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sat.	Mar. 8	2:00 am - Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Forward!
Sun.	Mar. 9	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School
Mon.	Mar. 10	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	Mar. 11	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Luthera 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
Wed.	Mar. 12	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary



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