

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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First Sunday of Lent

March 6 & 9, 2025

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*\* All who are able please stand*

*L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Are you restless and unsettled? This place is for you.

**P: Let us worship God!**

L: Are you hungry for love and hope? This place is for you.

**P: Let us worship God!**

L: Are you searching for direction? This place is for you.

**P: Let us worship God!**

L: Do you have love to share? This place is for you.

**P: Let us worship God together!**

**\*HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"

R24/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Whether we feel alone, or accompanied, God is with us. Let us open ourselves to recognize God's presence within us and among us. 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:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**WITNESS OF FAITH:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

L: In every time, prophets and apostles have come to call the people of God to repentance and newness of life. We too are called to admit our sin and to commit ourselves anew to follow in God's way.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ALL: We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love***

*for all people and suffering pain for us; still we do not turn in love and obedience to you.*

*We do that which we ought not to do, and we leave undone those things we ought to do. There is no health in us. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only in your grace.*

*Speak the word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Do not fear. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the new has come.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 10b-13

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13

A TIME OF LEARNING: “What is Lent” Projected  
From 412teens.org

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed 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: “Hear, Oh Lord” by Ray Repp with Voices ala Carte

**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: “Lord, I Need You” with Matt Maher Projected

MEDITATION: "Tempted"

Rev. Mundell

\*HYMN: "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

B205/Projected

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Recognizing that all that we have comes from God, let us offer back to God, not our leftovers, but the first and best of what we have received.

### 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: Dear God, use these gifts, and our lives, to feed and nourish, spreading your love where it is most needed. 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



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

**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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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***Tyler Rahn Mar 6, Kory Splittgaber Mar 7, Beverly Lenz and Susan Manthei Mar 8,  
Ellawynn Schlieve Mar 9, Donald Clausen Mar 11, Patrick Lieske Mar 12***

### **ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 5	Livestream: 143	Total: 148
Sunday:	In-Person: 70	Livestream: 136	Total: 206

General Fund: \$3,726.00                      OCWM: \$285.000                      Capital Improvements: \$500.00

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

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**Audio Operator:** John Kwiatkowski                      **Liturgist:** Dianne Heyn                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

### **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.

### **RASD BASIC NEEDS FOR CHILDREN**

The Missions Committee is hosting a drive to help the Ripon Area School District restock their Student Needs Closet for Elementary and Middle Schoolers. Specific items requested are deodorant, hand and body lotion. Also needed are socks and underwear for elementary age children, as well as pants (sweatpants or leggings) in sizes 5T-14. The donation box is in the East Narthex. Thank you for helping as you are able!

## 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.

## LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE

This year, as our Lenten initiative, the Missions Committee will be collecting donations to help support the Fond du Lac County United Way's "Ripon Food for Thought Program". Currently, this program serves around 80 students in the Ripon Area School District. Every Friday, the qualifying Elementary and Middle school children receive a pack filled with easy to prepare food items they can eat over the weekend when they are not able to get food at the school cafeteria.

Nutrition is the cornerstone of good health and development but 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 "Ripon Food for Thought Program" cost is \$10,000 per year. There are currently 3 organizations helping sponsor the program, but a 4<sup>th</sup> is needed.

Our goal with this Lenten initiative is to collect \$2,500 so that OSUCC becomes that 4th program sponsor needed for this vital food program. Any amount that you are able to donate, no matter how great or small, can help us reach the goal and is very much appreciated. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wed.	Mar. 5	6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary
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	<b>2:00 am - Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Forward!</b>
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 Lutheran 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Wed.	Mar. 12	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary
Thur.	Mar. 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
Sun.	Mar. 16	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting 10:15 am - Sunday School
Mon.	Mar. 17	<u>4:00 pm</u> - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Meeting 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee
Tues.	Mar. 18	<b>Noon - Spring Flowers For Easter Order Deadline</b> 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel Methodist 5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting



## QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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

