

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

March 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: When the world around me is disturbing, where do I turn?

P: A psalmist says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

L: When I am afraid, what can I count on?

P: "The Lord is a fortress protecting my life."

L: We gather in the light of God's protection.

P: We come to pray, praise and sing.

All: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN:** "Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation"

R157/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Gracious God, prepare us to receive you. May our eyes behold you in those around us. May our ears receive your word. May our hearts be open to your teaching and leading. In this precious moment, may we know you in new ways. 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 15:1-12,17-18

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 27

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: Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We

do not embrace what you embrace. We do not defend what you have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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: Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-35

A TIME OF LEARNING: “Lent for Kids” Projected

***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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” The Scott Street Puppeteers

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: “Jesus, Meek and Humble” Projected
With Ben Walther and Sarah Hart

MEDITATION: “Imitating the Cross” Rev. Mundell

***HYMN:** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” B239/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: In gratitude for what we have received, and for the joy of giving and sharing, let us offer our gifts to God's work through this church.

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 our offerings of our resources and of our lives. Bless them, multiply them for your purposes in 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



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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Katie Mace and Deborah Pollack Mar 14, Marlene Pinnow Mar 17, Sandra Fischer and Gary Lieske Mar 18, Roy Gomoll, Alden Ludjack, Philip Manthei, and Shirley Stibb March 19

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 29	Livestream: 215	Total: 244
Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 143	Total: 149
Sunday:	In-Person: 62	Livestream: 160	Total: 222

General Fund: \$1,929.00 OCWM: \$147.50 Capital Improvements: \$163.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Phil Manthei **Liturgist:** Rorie Nitz **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

SUNDAY BULLETIN SPONSOR

The bulletin for Sunday is sponsored in Memory of Amber Schultz by Barbara, Jeremy, and Alan.

SPRING FLOWERS FOR EASTER

The deadline to order Tulips, Daffodils, Easter Lily, Hyacinth, and Crocus is Tuesday, March 18th and the order forms are in the East Narthex, by the Office, and at Sanctuary doors. Thank you!

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, Tom Stellmacher, 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 4th 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

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
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 10:30 am - Adult Education

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon.	Mar. 17	4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Meeting 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee
Tues.	Mar. 18	Noon - Spring Flowers For Easter Order Deadline 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel Methodist 5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting
Wed.	Mar. 19	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary
Thur.	Mar. 20	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. 23	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education



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