

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

March 20 & 23, 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: You who are thirsty:

P: Come to receive living water.

L: You who are hungry:

P: Taste the bread that satisfies.

L: You who long for connection:

P: Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

L: You who search for love:

P: Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer, community, word and action.

L: May this time of worship fill and refresh you.

P: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN:** "Amazing Grace"

R233/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy One, draw us into community and connection. Let us receive you and our companions in worship. Keep us open to the unexpected, so that we may perceive your work in the world, and your work in 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 63:1-8

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: God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Symbols of Lent" Projected

***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: "God is Good" with the Sunday School Singers

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: “Holy Forever” with Chris Tomlin

Projected

MEDITATION: “Unless You Repent...”

Rev. Mundell

*HYMN: “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

R295/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: From the abundance that God has given us, let us return a portion to be used for 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, take these offerings of treasure, and our lives, to use for your purposes in the world.

*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
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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 10:50 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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Karen Clark and Atlas Page Mar 22, Richard Clausen Mar 23

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 21	Livestream: 170	Total: 191
Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 134	Total: 142
Sunday:	In-Person: 71	Livestream: 225	Total: 296

General Fund: \$3,172.00 OCWM: \$121.50 Capital Improvements: \$100.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

SUNDAY BULLETIN SPONSOR

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

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. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2025. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

UPCOMING VACATION

Rev. Kevin and Kelly Mundell will be on vacation Fron Wednesday, April 2 through Monday, April 7. Keith Mulder will fill in for the 3 services and you can let a Church Council member know if you have an emergency. Thank you!

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 10 Unspoken.

LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE

This year, as our Lenten initiative, the Missions Committee is 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 to become that 4th program sponsor needed for this vital food program. Any amount that you are able to donate, no matter how great or small, helps us reach the goal. You can keep track of our progress on the posters located in key spots. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thurs.	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 10:50 am - Radio Broadcast of Worship Service on WRPN, AM 1600
Mon.	Mar. 24	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Mar. 25	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at 1 st Congregational
Wed.	Mar. 26	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Mar. 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. 30	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:50 am - Radio Broadcast of Worship Service on WRPN, AM 1600
Mon.	Mar. 31	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Apr. 1	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack Meeting
Wed.	Apr. 2	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary
Thur.	Apr. 3	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



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