

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Sixth Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday April 10 & 13, 2025

** All who are able please stand* L: Leader; P: People
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

*GREETING

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna in the highest!

ALL: Praise be to God!

*PRAYER

L: Christ is with us.

P: Christ is in our midst.

L: Let us pray.

P: Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

READING OF THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

L: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!

L: Let us go forth in peace.

P: In the name of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN OF ADORATION: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” R123/Projected**

***COLLECT FOR ILLUMINATION**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

P: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, whose whisper silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us now through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show forth Christ’s love in lives committed to your service. 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 50:4-9a

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 31:9-16

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: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. in the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philippians 2:5-11

A TIME OF LEARNING: “What is Palm Sunday?” Projected

*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: “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” 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.

MEDITATION: “Every Knee Should Bend” Rev. Mundell

*HYMN: “Draw Nigh to thy Jerusalem” R125/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Let us return to God a portion of what we have been given.

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: Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this 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 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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Dolores Luker, Betty Nitz, and Clifford Nitz Apr 11, Kenneth Fischer and Kelsey Laabs Apr 13, Stephen Meyer Apr 14, Jon Badtke Apr 16

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 18	Livestream: 166	Total: 184
Thursday:	In-Person: 4	Livestream: TD	Total: 4
Sunday:	In-Person: 76	Livestream: 122	Total: 198

General Fund: \$2,381.00 OCWM: \$233.50 Capital Improvements: \$111.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske **Liturgist:** Heidi Schwanke **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

BULLETIN SPONSOR

The bulletin for April 13th is given in Memory of Edna Schwandt by Barbara, Jeremy, and Alan Schouten.

OSUCC LOGO LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS

The Evangelism Committee will have 2 different types of long sleeved T-shirts in a selection of colors with our Church logo embroidered on them for sale in the East Narthex today. There is an option to add the letters OSUCC in screen print on one sleeve for an additional charge.

One type is a light weight long sleeved T-shirt Hoodie, Unisex sizes for \$24, and the other is a crew neck long sleeved T-shirt in Unisex sizes for \$32. Check them out and place your order!

APRIL IS UNDIE SUNDAY MONTH

April 13th is our second “Undie Sunday” of the month! This is a Sunday that you don’t come to church in just your undies, but instead you bring in packages of new undies and socks for Elementary school girls and boys, sizes 5T – 14! Thank you for “feeding” the baskets!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Come enjoy fluffy scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, breakfast potatoes, blueberry pancakes, egg bake, homemade sweets, milk, juice and coffee in Fellowship Hall between the Easter services!

LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE - RIPON AREA FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM

We did it! With all of us getting behind this initiative plus the generous donation of \$390 from the free will offering given at the April Sharing Table Meal, we have more than reached our goal and blown the top off the funding gauge. We have \$2,525 collected! The extra, and any more donations given, will be placed in our Ripon Food for Thought Program fund here at church to be used next Lent when we do this again. Thank you, everyone, for your caring generosity!

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Suggested items for April are:

Peanut butter; oatmeal; 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; mayonnaise; salad dressings; BBQ sauce; mustard; toilet paper; paper towels; tissues; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; bath soap; laundry soap; fabric softener; antibacterial multi-surface liquid cleaners.



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, Chris Wiegand, and 10 Unspoken.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's photo time! We'll need fresh member photos for the new Church Directory, so you have the option to loan us a current candid photo or have one of our fun volunteer photographers take a few new ones for you to pick from. Committees and groups will also have their photos taken.

Please be aware we can't use any photo that is marked with a studio name because that is actually a Copyright Infringement, and is not something the Church wants to get involved in. There is no cost to you for the photos we take (they won't be subject to Copyright!) and we're happy to email them to you after we're done with the project.

Call or email the Church office (osuccripon1@gmail.com) to set up your time, Monday - Thursday 10:00 am till 2:00 pm, or Sundays after worship service from 10:15 am till 11:30 am. Oh, and come prepared-- you'll need to have a joke ready to tell the photographer!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 10 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. Apr. 13 9:00 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School and Altar Guild Meeting
10:30 am - Adult Education
- Mon. April 14 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Apr. 15 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel U Methodist
5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 17 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- Fri. Apr. 18 6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at Grace Lutheran
- Sun. Apr. 20 7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary
with Communion
7:45 am - Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:00 am - Late Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary
with Communion
- Mon. April 21 4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Tues. Apr. 22 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at 1st Congregational
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
- Thur. Apr. 24 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Sanctuary



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