

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Season

May 1, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I in that person, will bear much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing. This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.

P: When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.

L: We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

ALL: With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN:** "Alleluia! The Strife is Over"

R131/Projected

***SENTENCES**

L: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

P: We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.

L: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

P: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

L: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide forever in the assurance of your love, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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: Acts 9:1-6

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Take heart: God’s Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Revelation 5:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-19

A TIME OF LEARNING: “The Passover” **Projected**
From The Bible Project

***STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostle’s Creed (Old Language)** **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

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: “The King is in the Room” with Phil Wickham

Projected

MEDITATION: “Fishing”

Rev. Wassell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: We hold many gifts in our hearts and minds. As we sense your presence surrounding us, may we discern ways to use our talents and treasures for the health of God’s realm as we hope for Christ’s return.

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: With gratitude we pray: Holy God, Holy Light even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us. Even in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make your presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this world. May the gifts we share today, and each day hereafter create a Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.

HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2

R210/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

*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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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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Lawrence Retzlaff May 1, **Laurie Stemler** May 5, **Noah Borgardt** May 7

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 163	Total: 169
Sunday :	In-Person: 70	Livestream: 211	Total: 281

General Fund: \$1,819.000 OCWM: \$207.50 Capital Improvements: \$216.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio/Visual: Bob Meyer/Phil Wepner **Liturgist:** Confirmands **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

ORGAN FLOWERS

The organ flowers this Sunday are given in Honor of Emmersyn Langenfeld's Confirmation by Linda Neuenfeldt.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning May 1st, the church office will be operating on Summer Hours, which will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am until Noon.

If you have anything to drop off after hours, there is a drop box adjacent to the office door or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex vestibule if all the outside doors are locked.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Thank you to those who have submitted photos or had new ones taken!

But for the rest of us, it's still photo time! Call 920-745-2544 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. Committees and groups will be contacted to set up times.

Oh, and come prepared-- you'll need to have a joke ready to tell the photographer!

If you would prefer to send in a current candid photo that is not copyrighted, you can email that to the church office at osuccripon1@gmail.com or drop it off during office hours. We'll be sure to return any photos that are dropped off.

OSUCC LOGO LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS

The Evangelism Committee will have two 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 \$5.

One type is a light weight long sleeved T-shirt Hoodie, men and women 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 by May 10th, please. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We currently provide donations to the Ripon Area Food Pantry, located at St. Catherine's, and the Community Food Pantry, located at Traded Treasures. The items you donate are divided between the two pantries.



Suggested items for May are:

Peanut butter; oatmeal; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); boxed cereals; oatmeal; protein bars; breakfast shakes; 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; and tissues.



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, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Chris Wiegand, the family and friends of Jim Clausen, and 10 Unspoken.

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT AT RHS

Ripon High School is holding Senior Recognition Night on Wednesday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. One of the seniors being recognized that evening will be our own Jayden Hinton.

Rick Stracy will be attending that evening to present Jayden with a certificate representing the \$2,000 scholarship that he has been awarded by the OSUCC Scholarship Committee. Congratulations, Jayden!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. May 1 **OSUCC Office Summer Hours Begin this week**
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. May 4 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion -
Confirmation Sunday
10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Education
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
- Mon. May 5 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. May 6 Office Closed for Summer Hours
5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. May 8 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. May 11 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - **Mother's Day**
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Education
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
- Mon. May 12 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. May 13 Office Closed for Summer Hours
5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Lutheran
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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