

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Season Confirmation May 4, 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: "What a Beautiful Name" by Hillsong Worship** 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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 30

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Deep and Wide”

with the Sunday school singers

FAITH STATEMENT

Confirmand: Madison Boers

Mentor: Debbie Boers

A MUSICAL EXPRESSION OF FAITH

“Humble and Kind” with Tim McGraw

Words and Images Projected

FAITH STATEMENT

Confirmand: Emmersyn Langenfeld

Mentor: Linda Neuenfeldt

A MUSICAL EXPRESSION OF FAITH

“Nobody”

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with Casting Crowns featuring Matthew West

READERS THEATRE: “Easter Bunny Interrogation” by Revecca Wimmer

THEME: Resurrection and the Easter Bunny

SETTING: An interrogation room in a local community.

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.

LITANY OF CONFIRMATION

(Insert & Projected)

HYMN: “Forgive Us” with The Many

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

Litany of Confirmation

May 4, 2025

Invitation for Madison Boers and Emmersyn Langenfeld

L: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the family of Christ. Through prayer and study, they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence the covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts, which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Sentences

L: Hear the words of Jesus: I am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who abides in me, and I in that person, is the one who bears much fruit. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Questions for the Candidates

L: Madison and Emmersyn, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

L: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Affirmation of Faith & Apostles' Creed

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

P: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

L: Let us all join together in the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Candidates

L & Candidates: O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life, Amen.

Prayers of the Congregation

L: Let us pray in silence. (Silent Prayer)

L: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Madison Boers

L: The God of peace sanctify you, Madison Boers, the God of mercies multiply grace and peace in you, enable you truly and faithfully to keep your vows, defend you in every time of danger, preserve you to the end, and finally bring you to rest with all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

Madison's Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13 Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. (NRSV)

Emmersyn Langenfeld

L: Strengthen, O God, this your servant, Emmersyn Langenfeld, with your heavenly grace that she may continue as yours forever; and daily increase in her your Holy Spirit and your love for all, until you receive her at last in your eternal home. Amen.

Emmersyn's Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light, momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Prayer of Confirmation

L: We rejoice, O merciful God, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into the fullness of life. We give you thanks that they have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not for themselves but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Address & Welcome

L: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith, which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

L: Parents and sponsors, will you continue to bear witness to God's presence in your life through how you live and serve others so that your life continues to be an encouragement to your confirmand to stay on their faith journey and continue to grow in their faith and use of their gifts for God's purposes?

Parents: I promise, with the help of God.

L: Will you, Madison and Emmersyn's mentors, continue to lift them up in prayer, encourage them, continue to grow your friendship, and live a life of faith that bears witness to God's love for you and the love that you have to give?

Mentors: I promise, with the help of God.

L: Let us, the members of Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

P: We promise you our continued friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Prayer

L: Almighty and ever-living God, may your hand ever be over your servants confirmed today. May your Holy Spirit ever be with them, so they live in the knowledge and obedience of your Word that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.



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
5:00 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
5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Lutheran
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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