

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

May 15 & 18, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick & Terri Wilke

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:** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

R304/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 for ever 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 11:1-18

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 148

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 21:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35

A TIME OF LEARNING: Sunday school Celebration

Insert/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: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

The Senior Choir

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: “All Hail King Jesus”

Projected

MEDITATION: “They were Silenced”

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “Lift Up Your Hearts”

R246/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: When Jesus said, just as I have loved you, you should also love one another, I think he meant, love like twelve years of bleeding stopped by one touch. Love like let the one who is without sin, cast the first stone. Love like let the children come to me Love like 5000 people fed by bits and pieces and collective care. Love like tables turned and injustice resisted Love like feet washed and meals shared. This is the love we are called to continue embodying in our world. Through our offerings, let us love as Jesus loves us.

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: Let Love be our offering. Let Love be our giving. Let Love be our dedication. Let Love be our calling. Let Love be our thanksgiving. Let Love be our prayer. 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**

Celebration of the Church School Year

Introduction

L: Hear these words from the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

L: Jesus commanded all his disciples in all times and places to live out their faith by making disciples of every nation. Today we celebrate some of the ways in which we here at Our Saviour’s make disciples of every nation. When we baptize someone, we bring them into Christ’s church, when we confirm that baptized person, we are holding each other accountable for that person’s discipleship, and we are declaring them to be on the journey of growth in their faith in God. It is not the completion of the journey but rather the recognition that we, as a community, are helping them to become disciples of Jesus Christ, a process that lasts our whole life.

L: Today we want to recognize and celebrate the diverse ministries and gifts within our faith community that serve to disciple one another. We would like to celebrate all the teachers who taught faithfully this year through Sunday school, all the mentors who helped us with confirmation, all the students who learned faithfully throughout the year in Sunday school, in worship, and in confirmation. All the parents who modeled their faith. We would also like to celebrate all you who have prayed for the teachers, mentors, students and confirmands and parents throughout the year as a faithful member of our church. God has used all of us to further God’s kingdom through the work we do here this day. And God continues to call us to that work as God takes us into the future.

L: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

L: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our service.

P: The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

L: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

P: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

L: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

P: All of us are Christ’s body, and each one is a part of it.

L: Together we have served God through our giving of time, talent, resources, prayers, and faithfulness and God is thankful and celebrating with us this day.

Presentation

L: I want to lift up our Christian Education Committee, our teachers, our confirmation mentors, the parents and all the students of every age who grew and learned together this year.

L: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted this call and served faithfully during this past school year to be both a witness of service and a witness of faith to us all. From the expectations of last fall, through the joy of Thanksgiving, the expectation of Advent, the wonder of Christmas, the reflective time of Lent, the celebration of Easter, our education programs have continued to serve.

ALL: We give thanks to God for chances of learning, for experiencing friendship, for growing in faith and love; for all the hard work and the joy found in each other and in learning together.

L: We thank God for all the resources provided that allowed us to learn and grow together through all our education programs.

P: We thank God for the new and renewing opportunities which the summer will offer, and we pray that we find ourselves refreshed and charged with energy. Amen.



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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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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***Debra Hahn May 15, Ronald Altnau, Ruth Retzlaff and Barbara Schouten May 16,
Hailey Koller May 17, Calvin Fischer and Dennis Respalje May 18
Nicole Langenfeld May 19, Janie Failor, May 20***

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 140	Total: 146
Sunday :	In-Person: 59	Livestream: 153	Total: 212

General Fund: \$1,925.00 OCWM: \$234.50 Capital Improvements: \$314.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio/Visual: Keith Mulder/Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Rorie Nitz **Musician:** Terri Wilke

RIPON HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be held on May 21st at 7 pm at OSUCC. This ecumenical service is our religious community asking God’s blessing on all of our graduates and thanking God for all love and blessings up until now. All are invited to attend even if you do not have a graduate.

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Our Altar Guild has contracted with Hounsell’s for beautiful red geranium plants that can be ordered now and that will adorn the altar in the Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Order forms are now available!

Last year’s plants were beautiful and we’re expecting the same this year. The plants will be in 4” pots and will cost \$6 per pot. Your order form and payment needs to be into the church office by Noon on Thursday, May 22nd, please. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR VBS

This year VBS will be held at Grace Lutheran from July 27 – 31. Volunteers are needed to create and set up decorations, assemble snack bags, and act as crew leaders. You can register as a volunteer at www.riponvbs.org. Thank you. More information will be coming shortly.

SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday is the last day of Sunday School and Adult Christian Ed. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer teachers, we appreciate you! Enjoy your summer we will see you in the fall.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It's still photo time! Call 920-748-2544 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.

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.

RAMA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Prayer Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for June 17 at Mr. and Mrs. P's. More information coming in the next few weeks. Thank you.

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, Emily McGuire, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Chris Wiegand, and 13 Unspoken.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	May 15	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
Sat.	May 17	June Messenger deadline
Sun.	May 18	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School - Final Day 10:30 am - Adult Education 10:15 am – Altar Guild
Mon.	May 19	4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tues.	May 20	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel UMC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
Wed.	May 21	7:00 pm – Baccalaureate service at OSUCC

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	May 22	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel Noon - Red Geranium for Pentecost order deadline
Sun.	May 25	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Mon.	May 26	Happy Memorial Day! Office closed.
Tues.	May 27	5:30 pm - Sharing Table First Congregational Church 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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