

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Season of Lent February 19 & 22, 2026

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\* *All who are able please stand*

*L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: Then the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.**

**P: Come, beloveds, into the wilderness of our heartbreaking and troubled days.**

**L: In the midst of our hunger for comfort, provoked by lies of scarcity,**

**P: this Lent journey promises bread and abundance.**

**L: In the midst of our longing for safety, enticed by promises of security,**

**P: this Lent journey promises angels and costly solidarity.**

**L: In the midst of our clinging to power, lured by the ease of complicity,**

**P: this Lent journey promises prayer and turning around.**

**L: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.**

**P: Come, beloveds, to worship, venturing deeper and deeper into the wilderness of our broken and beautiful world.**

\*HYMN: "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

B205/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: In the wilderness and the wandering and the weariness, lead us, Holy Spirit. In the hungering and the holding and the humbling, accompany us, Holy Spirit. In the tempting and the testing and the turning, move us, Holy Spirit. In the resisting and the refusing and the recognizing, guide us, Holy Spirit. Ground in us, as we ground in you. Breathe with us, as we breathe with you. Turn with us, as we turn toward you. As the new way emerges, we pray. Amen.***

**\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Savior, When in Tears and Dust" by Robert Grant**

Savior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,

When repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes,

Mindful how you suffered pain that God's love in us might reign-

Help us claim what we would be, hear our solemn litany.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 32

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. Let us pray.

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

***ALL: We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people and suffering pain for us; still we do not turn in love and obedience to you.***

***We do that which we ought not to do, and we leave undone those things we ought to do. There is no health in us. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only in your grace.***

***Speak the word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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.

**P: Behold, the new has come. Thanks be to God!**

(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

A TIME OF LEARNING: Lent for Kids

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Attende Domine" Catholic Chant for Lent

Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed (UC 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**

**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: "King of Kings" by Hillsong Worship Projected

MEDITATION: "Worship the Lord Your God" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" R226/Projected

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: The season of Lent invites us to take stock of and deepen our spiritual practices. How might God be inviting you to deepen your spiritual practice of generosity in this season? Let us offer whatever gifts we have to resist the tempter's lies of scarcity and turn toward abundant life and flourishing for all.

#### \*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: Jesus resisted the tempter's lies of scarcity by remembering we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to you our loving God as we journey with you in the season of Lent. 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



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
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 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

**We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.**

*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 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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**Noann Gomoll Feb 19, Tom Badtke Feb 20, Herman Berndt Feb 21, Roberta Tetzlaff Feb 24, Philip Busse and Kim Graff Feb 25**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 103	Total: 110
Sunday :	In-Person: 54	Livestream: 139	Total: 193

General Fund: \$7,472.50                      OCWM: \$386.50                      Capital Improvements: \$696.00

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** John Kwiatkowske/Phil Wepner                      **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

The Sunday bulletin is given in Memory of Donald Stracy by his family.

**PACK 3735 PINWOOD DERBY**

The tradition continues! Pack 3735 will be running the Pinewood Derby here in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 21st beginning at 9:30 am. The purpose of the derby is to encourage fun, parent-child bonding, skill-building in crafting, and basic physics. There is a lot of science behind building the cars from a pine block and turning them into aerodynamic racing machines!

If you haven't been a spectator at the event before now, you have been missing out on a very fun experience. Please come and cheer the Cub Scouts on!

**LIVING LAST SUPPER**

There is still a need for actors, behind the scene crew, and communion helpers for the Living Last Supper we are partnering with Grace Lutheran on. It will be performed on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm at Grace. Please let Jeremy Schouten know if you can help out, 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:*** *Sharri Dailey, Nancy Henning, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, the family and friends of Bill Van Denburgh, and 16 Unspoken.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Longtime OSUCC member and Ripon resident, William (Bill) Van Denburgh Jr, passed away peacefully at Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Appleton on February 6th. Please pray for his family and friends as they grieve his loss.

Visitation for Bill will be held Saturday, February 28th, from 10:00 am till Noon at Divine Passage in Ripon. A memorial service will begin at Noon at Divine Passage with Rev. Mundell officiating.

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2026 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. OSUCC offers scholarships to our member high school graduates and post high school adults who will be attending college, trade/technical school, or continuing adult education (seminary, etc.)

Applications must be submitted to the attention of the Scholarship Committee by Wednesday, April 1, 2026, either by mail or by dropping them off in our church office. Thank you!

## MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



*Suggested items for February are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc.; dried fruits; boxed cereals; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, beans, chili; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; white sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

## SAVE THE DATE - INSTANT HELP FOR INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee will be in the East Narthex during coffee hour on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> to help you get started with Instant Church Directory on your phone or laptop. We think you'll love it! Your login is your email address, so please make sure we have that on file.

If a print copy of the directory is what you want, please RSVP to the church office so we know how many to print and bind. Thank you so much!



### QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.



### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Thur.	Feb 19	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Fri.	Feb. 20	5:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby setup
Sat.	Feb. 21	9:30 am - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Day March Messenger Deadline for Articles
Sun.	Feb. 22	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Feb. 23	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Feb. 24	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
Wed.	Feb. 26	6:30 pm - Lenten Worship Service

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Thur.	Feb. 26	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 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Sat.	Feb. 28	10:00 am - Visitation for Bill Van Denburgh Jr. with memorial service at Noon, both at Divine Passage. Luncheon to follow at OSUCC.
Sun.	Mar. 1	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 10:15 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily in her office 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Mar. 2	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Mar. 3	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC
Wed.	Mar. 4	6:30 pm - Lenten Worship Service