

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Season of Lent Feb. 26 & Mar. 01, 2026

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

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**GREETING**

L: Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

**P: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.**

L: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

***ALL: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.***

**\*HYMN:** "The God of Abraham Praise" R6/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

L: Jesus says: If you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.

***ALL: We gather to worship, O God, under the shadow of the cross, sign of human shame and divine wisdom. Like Jesus, we would follow faithfully in your way; like Jesus, we would live to you and die to you. We are your people; we belong to you. We offer you our worship and our lives. May your name be glorified in your church as we are open to your presence today; through Jesus the Christ. 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 12:1-4a

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 121

## 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 4:1-5, 13-17

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

A TIME OF LEARNING: Lent Ideas for Kids

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Here I Am"

with Voices Ale Carte

\*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: “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee” R295/Projected**

**MEDITATION: “Reckoned as Righteousness” Rev. Mundell**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**L:** The season of Lent invites us to consider what it means for us to live life sacrificially, to lean into Jesus’ call to costly discipleship. How might God be calling you to a new way of sharing your resources to build care and equity in our communities and world? Let us offer whatever gifts we have to love the world like God did in giving God’s Son.

### **\*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: For the loving of the world, these gifts. For the flowing of the water,  
these hearts. For the coming of the kingdom, these lives. May it be so.  
Amen.***

**HYMN: “For the Bread which Thou hast Broken” vs. 1&2 R214/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**



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 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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**Bonnie Perr Feb 26, Amy Borgardt and Trinity Roehl Feb 27, James Koplín Feb 28, Nancy Henning Feb 29, Jennifer Coats Mar 2, Peter Schieler Mar 4**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Wednesday:	In-Person: 47	Livestream: 102	Total: 149
Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 89	Total: 96
Sunday :	In-Person: 37	Livestream: 159	Total: 196

General Fund: \$1,223.50                      OCWM: \$87.00                      Capital Improvements: \$228.50

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** Bob Meyer/Kelly Mundell      **Liturgist:** Dianne Heyn      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**LENTEN INIATIVE**

Last year we became the 4<sup>th</sup> partner for Fond du Lac United Way’s Ripon Area Food For Thought program. Each partner contributes \$2,500 for program support. This program ensures that any child in the Ripon School District whose family struggles with food insecurities receives a food pack each Friday containing enough food for that child to get through the weekend.

Last year we exceeded the \$2,500 by \$90, so we began this year’s campaign with that amount. There are fundraising thermometer posters located throughout the church so you can see how we are doing from week to week in our efforts for this year. Thank you for any help you can give!

**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, Elaine Mortenson, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, the family and friends of Bill Van Denburgh Jr, and 16 Unspoken.*

## **FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

Altar Guild is excited to share that they've found a new source for our Easter flowers! You will be able to purchase Tulips in orange, pink, purple, red, white, yellow - \$18; Daffodils - \$16; Hyacinth in blue, pink, purple, or white - \$16, or a traditional Easter Lily - \$22. All are in 6" pots.

March 22nd will be the order deadline, and the forms are available in the bulletin, the East Narthex, or the counter across from the Church Office. Thank you!

## **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 March are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc.; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned stew, beans, chili, chicken, tuna, Manwich style sauces; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; white sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil; pancake syrup. 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. 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

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Mar. 5	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
Sun.	Mar. 8	12:00 am - Daylight Savings Time Begins, set your clocks ahead! 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Camp Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Mar. 9	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	Mar. 10	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran
Wed.	Mar. 11	6:30 pm - Lenten Worship Service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur.	Mar. 12	9:30 am - Called to Care Meeting
Mon.	Mar. 16	4:00 pm Worship Committee; 5:30 pm Christian Ed, 6:30 Evangelism
Tues.	Mar. 17	5:30 pm - Mission Meeting
Sun.	Mar. 29	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Palm Sunday