

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

March 5, 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**

L1: In our bones, there are lineages; we carry the seeds of division and the seeds of connection.

L2: Look around you and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

**P: We are called to prayer that reaps with honesty and awareness what our ancestors have sown.**

L1: In our cells, there are lineages; we carry the genes of harm and the genes of flourishing.

L2: Look around you and see how we are part of one another.

**P: We are called to devotion that holds with tenderness and justice what our ancestors have enfleshed.**

L1: In our sanctuaries, there are lineages; we carry the kernels of domination and the kernels of interdependence.

L2: Look around you and see how roots run deep.

**P: We are called to praise that tills with care and clarity what our ancestors have composted.**

L1: In our nation, there are lineages; we carry the marrow of chains and the marrow of freedom.

L2: Look around you and see how beneath us the water of life flows.

**P: We are called to worship that thirsts with passion and courage for what our ancestors have dreamed.**

**\*HYMN:** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

R147/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Into the stream of those who have labored before us, Spirit, let us flow. Into the river that rolls down with justice, Spirit, let us step. Into the well that is deeper than our divisions, Spirit, let us draw. In this moment, in every moment, we pray: give us this water, Jesus, so we will never be thirsty again. 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: Exodus 17:1-7

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### 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 5:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:5-42

A TIME OF LEARNING: What is Lent

Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

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: “Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)” Hillsong Worship R295/Projected

MEDITATION: “Justified by his Blood” Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” R277/Projected

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: In today’s gospel, Jesus says to his disciples, “others have labored and you have entered into their labor.” How might God be inviting you to enter into the labor of those who have gone before you in this community of faith? How might our offerings be both gratitude for and participation in the visions of our ancestors and the dreams they couldn’t even imagine? Through our offerings, let us enter into their labor.

### \*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 these offerings become seeds taking root in love and justice. Let these seeds become harvests of liberation for all of us. Let these harvests become offerings toward the slow work of healing and transformation. 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**  
 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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**Darlene Kwiatkoske Mar 5, Kory Splittgaber Mar 7, Beverly Lenz and Susan Manthei Mar 8, Ellawynn Schlieve Mar 9, Donald Clausen Mar 11**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Wednesday:	In-Person: 18	Livestream: 153	Total: 171
Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 141	Total: 149
Sunday :	In-Person: 59	Livestream: 210	Total: 269

General Fund: \$1,488.00                      OCWM: \$147.00                      Capital Improvements: \$226.00

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** Kelly Mundell/Phil Wepner                      **Liturgist:** Cal Fischer                      **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. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, you have generously donated \$1,255 toward our goal. Thank you so much!

**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 church office, the East Narthex, or the counter across from the Church Office. Please be aware that you will need to pick your plant(s) up after the services; we can’t donate plants any longer. Thank you!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

Rev. Mundell, his family, and Sophie will all be in Florida on vacation over Easter Week. Maundy Thursday, we’ve partnered with Grace Lutheran on the Living Last Supper service, held at 6:30 pm at Grace, and includes communion.

The Ecumenical Good Friday worship service this year will be at Immanuel UMC. It is most likely a 6:30 pm service but the time isn’t confirmed. We’ll update you as we know more.

## 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.*

## 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. 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 - **UCCI 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  
5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran
- Wed. Mar. 11  
6:30 pm - Lenten Worship Service

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

- Thur. Mar. 12  
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
**9:30 am - Called to Care Meeting**  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sun. Mar. 15  
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - **UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Collection**  
**10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting**  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Mar. 16  
**4:00 pm Worship Committee**  
**5:30 pm Christian Ed**  
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice  
**6:30 Evangelism**
- Tues. Mar. 17  
**5:30 pm - Mission Meeting**  
5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Immanuel UMC
- Wed. Mar. 18  
6:30 pm - Lenten Worship Service