

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

March 19 & 22, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This is not the time for platitudes, for simple answers and tired clichés. This is the time for breaking hearts and weary spirits.

P: **Let our worship be arms that can hold all that grieves us.**

L: This is not the place for blame, for pointing fingers and second guessing. This is the time for angry tears and aching wails.

P: **Let our worship be a witness to journey alongside us as we break.**

L: When we are standing at the edge of the tomb staring into the truth of the death-dealing forces of our world, when there is nothing left to do but to go and weep,

P: **Let our worship be the song calling us forth from the grave to the community that can unbind us and set us free.**

***HYMN:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

R123/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: In this hour, as we look death in the face, stay with us, Weeping Jesus, stay with us. In this hour, as we try to hold on, try to believe, try to hope, stay with us, Tender Love, stay with us. In this hour, as we risk the vulnerability of love, the possibility of joy, the dream of freedom, stay with us, Sweet Spirit, stay with us. 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: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 130

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 8:6-11

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:1-45

A TIME OF LEARNING: Symbols of Lent

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "You Are My King (Amazing Grace)"

With the Scott Street Puppet Ministry

***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 & Lord's Prayer

**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:	“Lord, I Need You” with Matt Maher	Projected
MEDITATION:	“Raised”	Rev. Mundell
HYMN:	“My Song is Love Unknown”	R74/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Resurrected life takes community. It takes all of us together to unbind ourselves from the ways of death and move toward the ways of life. How are you being called to awaken to, rise into an ethic of sharing rather than scarcity so that we all might have life and have it abundantly? What do our relationships and commitments to collective liberation ask of us and our resources so that we can experience freedom together? Let us offer our gifts in ways that unbind us 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: From these offerings, Holy One, create freedom. From these hearts, Holy One, raise up love. From these hands, Holy One, bring life. From every one of our gifts, in the sharing of our resources, may we be unbound, and called forth into a new day together. 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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**Ray Gomoll, Alden Ludjack, Phil Manthei and Shirley Stibb Mar 19,
Karen Clark and Atlas Page Mar 22, Richard Clausen Mar 23**

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 16	Livestream: 121	Total: 137
Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 169	Total: 177
Sunday :	In-Person: 16	Livestream: 183	Total: 199

General Fund: \$1,683.00 OCWM: \$28.00 Capital Improvements: \$41.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

A/V: Keith Mulder/Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

RADIO BROADCAST

The Sunday radio broadcast is given in memory of Robert Schouten by his family.

WCUCC CIVIL RIGHTS BUS TOUR PRESENTATION

At 10:30 am on Sunday, March 22nd, Sophie Moldenhauer and a friend she made on the February 1-6th WCUCC bus tour of sites in Alabama and Tennessee that played key roles in the Civil Rights movement will doing a presentation in the Sanctuary on their experiences. We invite you to come listen and ask any questions you may have. Thank you!

2026 WCUCC ANNUAL MEETING

This year's WCUCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th at the Green Lake Conference Center. Our church can send two delegates to the conference and the agenda for both days is online now at <https://wcucc.org/annual-meeting/agenda/> OSUCC will pay for the conference registration and food ticket, just send an email to our church office and we'll set that up for you.

Also, there is a Thursday, April 10th, full day workshop available from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Daycholah Center in the Ley Chapel. The workshop focus is on the ways we connect within congregations and beyond church walls in the local church. The day will explore two complementary dimensions of ministry: connecting within congregations through worship practices such as preaching, music, prayer, and the arts, and connecting beyond the local church through community ministries and justice initiatives. Call our church office if you would like to attend.

INSTANT HELP FOR INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee will be in the East Narthex during coffee hour on March 22nd and the 29th to help you get started with Instant Church Directory on your phone, tablet, or laptop. We think you'll love all the features of the online version!

Your login will be your email address, so please make sure we have that on file or call the church office to double check.

If a print copy of the directory is what you want, please RSVP on the signup sheet in the East Narthex so we know how many to print and bind. Thank you so much!

MEMBERS EASTER BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday between our two worship services. On the menu are scrambled eggs, ham and bacon, breakfast potatoes, pancakes, egg bake, sweets, juice, coffee and milk. Don't make breakfast at home- enjoy it here with us!

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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.) The 2026 Scholarship applications are available in the East Narthex, in the church office, or at the countertop directly across from the church office door.

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!

LENTEN INITIATIVE

Last year we became the 4th 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 22nd, you have generously donated \$1,951 toward our goal. Thank you so much!

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Rev. Mundell, his family, and Sophie Moldenhauer 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 at 6:30 pm.

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, and 16 Unspoken.*

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!

RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY SURVEY

Our Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast has been an established ministry here at Our Saviour's for many, many years. While we know people are listening, generally from folks when there is a problem with the broadcast, overall it is a form of ministry that doesn't provide any insight into how many people are being reached.

To try to get an idea of outreach and impact, we're making a short survey available for anyone who would like to take it. You can fill it in for yourself or a family member, and it will also be available on Facebook. The survey is on the bulletin insert today. Your help is greatly appreciated, thank you!

If you are a listener but don't use the internet or are homebound, please feel free to call us during office hours at 920-748-2544 and we can fill one out with you over the phone.



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. 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
- Sat. Mar. 21 **April Messenger Article Deadline**
- Sun. Mar. 22 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Spring Flowers for Easter Order Deadline
10:00 am - Instant Help for Instant Church Directory - East Narthex
10:30 am - Presentation from Civil Rights Bus Tour - Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Mar. 23 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Mar. 24 **5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1st Congregational**
- Wed. Mar. 25 **6:30 pm - Lenten Worship Service**

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Mar. 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
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sun. Mar. 29 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:00 am - Instant Help for Instant Church Directory
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Mar. 30 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Mar. 31 **5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - St Catherine of Siena**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 2 **6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday - Living Last Supper - Grace Lutheran**
- Fri. Apr. 3 **6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Service - Immanuel UMC**
- Sun. Apr. 5 7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Worship Service with Communion
8:00 am - Easter Members Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:00 am - Late Easter Worship Service with Communion

**OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY SURVEY
MARCH 2026**

Please complete this survey only one time. You can complete a survey for a family member if they are not able to do so for themselves. If you choose to give us your name that's fine. It's also fine if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

We appreciate you helping us gain more insight into our Radio Broadcast ministry, thank you!

- I listen to OSUCC's Sunday worship service broadcast on WRPN, AM station 1600:
 - Every Sunday
 - A few times a month
 - A few times a year
 - I don't listen to the broadcast
 - I didn't know about the broadcast
- My family member or friend listens to OSUCC's Sunday worship service broadcast on WRPN, AM station 1600:
 - Every Sunday
 - A few times a month
 - A few times a year
 - Not applicable
- The reasons I/my family member/my friend listen to the radio broadcast are (choose all that apply):
 - I/they are homebound
 - I/they don't have Internet access where I/they live
 - I/they don't have access to a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
 - I/they don't know how to watch the service online
 - Other: _____