

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

April 23 & 26, 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: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

P: The Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.

L: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us live with courage and conviction not fear and timidity.

P: Through valleys and storms, chaos and confusion, threats and concerns, the Shepherd comforts us with power and strength, love and compassion, hope and peace.

L: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us worship in the presence of the Holy One!

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days of my life. Let us dwell in God's presence forever!

***HYMN: "My Shepherd Is the Living God"**

B247/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: God who is Shepherd, Gate, and Way, we join as a community in your presence and in your protection. Shield us from apathy and isolation. Fortify us against resignation and despair. Nudge us toward justice and righteousness in your name. As we gather to worship you, may we be transformed by your love, strengthened in grace, and rooted in faith for your glory and your kingdom come. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia"**

by Jerry Sinclair

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WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 2:42-47

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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.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

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.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 2:19-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10

A TIME OF LEARNING: Easter Traditions Around the World Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Day by Day" B-Attitudes

***STATEMENT OF FAITH:** A New Creed (UC of 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: "Still Waters (Psalm 23)" Leanna Crawford Projected

MEDITATION: "Life Abundant" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Savior, Like a Sheperd Lead Us" B252/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Community of faith, let us hold true to the ethos of the early church and hold “all things in common” (Acts 2:4). Let us share our abundance to enjoy shared life, to meet the needs among us, and to demonstrate our commitment to the kingdom of God.

***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: Generous God, may these gifts bless our life together, fortify our ministry, and transform our community. Receive them as we give them—with gladness and thanksgiving. 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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Carroll Schilf and Maverick Towne Apr 27

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 114	Total: 122
Sunday :	In-Person: 69	Livestream: 175	Total: 244

General Fund: \$1,687.50 OCWM: \$133.50 Capital Improvements: \$143.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

A/V: John Kwiatkoske/Phil Wepner **Liturgist:** Jamie Prellwitz **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

IN OUR PRAYERS

OSUCC member, Jean Luskey, passed away on April 12, 2026. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.

Visitation for Jean will be held Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 am till 10:00 am here at OSUCC. The memorial service will begin at 10:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. Inurnment will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Town of Ripon. A luncheon will be served here in Fellowship Hall following the Inurnment.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We received a call that OSUCC member, Mary Albright, passed away the morning of April 20th. The obituary and the date for her funeral are not yet available, but will be on Butzin Marchant's website shortly. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.

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 April are: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, canned fruits; 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; brownie and cake mix; biscuit mix.

Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS

This Sunday, April 26th, the Confirmands will be in the Chapel after the worship service to make their Faith Statements, and you are invited to attend and participate. A quorum of the Church Council will be there and a vote will be taken to allow the Confirmands to be confirmed next Sunday. Thank you!

EVANGELISM BRAT FRY

Our Evangelism Committee will be having a Brat Fry fundraiser on Friday, May 1st, at 9:00 am outside of HyVee in Ripon. They would like to sell dessert items along with the brats, etc. and are asking if anyone would like to help by donating baked goods such as cookies, brownies, bar cookies, muffins, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the East Narthex.

They are requesting that donated items not be frosted because the frosting sticks to the packaging when the items are individually wrapped. Perhaps try an icing or a sprinkle of powdered sugar instead of fluffy frosting?

If you could either leave your donation in the East Narthex on April 30th or bring it to HyVee by 8:45 am on May 1st that would be wonderful. The committee will cut and individually package items for sale. Thank you!

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you ordered a printed copy of the directory, it is available for pickup on the table near the corridor in the East Narthex. There is a new RSVP sheet near the outside door in the East Narthex if you would still like to order a printed copy.

It's not too late to have us add a photo to your directory listing! Just email one to the church office or drop it off so we can scan and return it to you. Pictures help us recognize one another by putting the name to the face instead of just thinking, "I should know her/his name. I see them every Sunday!"

If you need us to make any corrections or are having trouble signing into the app or website, please let the church office know so we can check your email and answer any other questions you may have. 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: *Emily McGuire, Rev. Kevin Mundell, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, the family and friends of Jean Luskey, the family and friends of Mary Albright, and 11 Unspoken.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 23 9:00 am - MBS 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. Apr. 26 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Confirmands Statements of Faith - Chapel
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
- Tues. Apr. 28 **5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1st Congregational**

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 30 9:00 am - MBS 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
- Sun. May 3 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Confirmation Sunday
with Communion
10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
- Tues. May 5 **5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thur. May 7 **9:00 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting**
- Sat. May 9 9:00 am - Visitation for Jean Luskey, Our Saviour's UCC
10:00 am - Memorial Service followed by Inurnment at St. Patrick
Catholic Cemetery, Town of Ripon
Luncheon following at Our Saviour's UCC



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