

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

May 14 & 17, 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.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** In this season of thought-provoking and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**P:** We come to be inspired by the stories of love and joy.

**L:** We come to listen for words of hope and renewal.

**P:** We come with open eyes, open minds, and open hearts. Blessed be our God.

**L:** Come Let us worship our God-the One who holds all things in store for us in this season of refreshing.

**\*HYMN:** "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"

B257/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for being with us today and always. You have gathered us here to celebrate you—our Creator, our mother, our father—with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Let our worship be all about you as we humbly pray for the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts, minds, and souls in tune with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.***

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

by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**WITNESS OF FAITH:** Acts 1:6-14

**WITNESS OF FAITH:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

**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: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin! Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your***

*presences and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: And God says to us, I am the one who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I do not remember your sins. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. Jesus said, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**P: Alleluia, Amen.**

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-11

**A TIME OF LEARNING**

Projected

LITANY for the Celebration of Our Church School Year

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Voices Ala Carte

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ (1957) 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: "God I'm Just Grateful"  
with Elevation Worship & Chandler Moore

Projected

MEDITATION: "So that they may be one"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

B300/Projected

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

L: We come in thanksgiving for God's great faithfulness and abiding presence. We come responding with generosity for kingdom building and to be avenues of God's provisions.

**\*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: May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honor, and praise. 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**

## Celebration of the Church School Year

### Introduction

L: Hear these words from the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

L: Jesus commanded all his disciples in all times and places to live out their faith by making disciples of every nation. Today we celebrate some of the ways in which we here at Our Saviour’s make disciples of every nation. When we baptize someone, we bring them into Christ’s church, when we confirm that baptized person, we are holding each other accountable for that person’s discipleship and we are declaring them to be on the journey of growth in their faith in God. It is not the completion of the journey but rather the recognition that we, as a community, are helping them to become disciples of Jesus Christ, a process that lasts our whole life.

L: Today we want to recognize and celebrate the diverse ministries and gifts within our faith community that serve to disciple one another. We would like to celebrate all the teachers who taught faithfully this year through Sunday school, all the mentors who helped us with confirmation, all the students who learned faithfully throughout the year in Sunday school, in worship, and in confirmation. All the parents who modeled their faith. We would also like to celebrate all you who have prayed for the teachers, mentors, students and confirmands and parents throughout the year as a faithful member of our church. God has used all of us to further God’s kingdom through the work we do here this day. And God continues to call us to that work as God takes us into the future.

L: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

**P: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.**

L: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our service.

**P: The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.**

L: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

**P: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.**

L: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

**P: All of us are Christ’s body, and each one is a part of it.**

L: Together we have served God through our giving of time, talent, resources, prayers, and faithfulness and God is thankful and celebrating with us this day.

#### Presentation

L: I want to lift up our Christian Education Committee, our teachers, our confirmation mentors, the parents and all the students of every age who grew and learned together this year.

L: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted this call and served faithfully during this past school year to be both a witness of service and a witness of faith to us all. From the expectations of last fall, through the joy of Thanksgiving, the expectation of Advent, the wonder of Christmas, the reflective time of Lent, the celebration of Easter, our education programs have continued to serve.

***ALL: We give thanks to God for chances of learning, for experiencing friendship, for growing in faith and love; for all the hard work and the joy found in each other and in learning together.***

L: We thank God for all the resources provided that allowed us to learn and grow together through all our education programs.

**P: We thank God for the new and renewing opportunities which the summer will offer, and we pray that we find ourselves refreshed and charged with energy. Amen.**



**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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**Debbie Hahn** May 15, **Ronald Altnau, Ruth Retzlaff, and Barb Schouten** May 16,  
**Hailey Koller** May 17, **Cal Fischer and Dennis Respalje** May 18, **Nicole Langenfeld** May 19,  
**Janie Failor** May 20

### ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

|           |               |                 |            |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| Thursday: | In-Person: 7  | Livestream: 167 | Total: 174 |
| Sunday :  | In-Person: 77 | Livestream: 143 | Total: 220 |

General Fund: \$2,057.50                      OCWM: \$56.50                      Capital Improvements: \$77.00

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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

**A/V:** Kelly Mundell/Judy Lueck                      **Liturgist:** Rorie Nitz                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

### ORGAN FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

The organ flowers for Sunday are given In Memory of Ken Maguire by Judy and Erin Maguire.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Former OSUCC member, Nancy Baker (nee Sherwood), passed away on May 5, 2026, at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.

Visitation for Nancy will be held Monday, May 18th, from 9:00 am till 11:00 am here at OSUCC. The memorial service will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. Inurnment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Ripon.

### 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 May are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, stew; peanut butter; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals; canned fruits; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; 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!

## **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Sunday is our final session of Christian and Adult Education classes until the Fall. We gratefully acknowledge our 2025-2026 teachers, helpers, vocal music and puppeteer directors: Jackie Bogucke, Debbie Hahn, Judy Heitmann, Sophie Moldenhauer, Rev. Mundell, Rorie Nitz, Phil Wepner, Amy Borgardt (Sunday School Puppeteers) and Barb Stracy (Sunday School Singers).

Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with us!

## **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, family and friends of Nancy Baker, and 11 Unspoken.***

## **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. If you have a new photo to add, 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!

## **RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

Pentecost Sunday is May 24<sup>th</sup> and the Altar Guild is again providing members with the opportunity to purchase red Geraniums to decorate the altar area.

The plants are being ordered from Hounsell's and will be 4 ½" pots. Price per pot is \$7. The order form will be available in the bulletin, East Narthex, and the counter across from the church office door. The deadline for having your payment and form back to the office is Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Plants may be picked up after the worship service on May 24<sup>th</sup>, just in time to plant in your yard!

## **RIPON AREA VBS FOR 2026**

We're getting closer to Summer! We know that this year's Ripon Area VBS will be held at Immanuel United Methodist Church. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God." It's a colorful, tropical theme with lots of fun activities that help teach kids what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, who is a safe place in life's storms.

Sounds pretty fun and amazing! We'll share the dates in the bulletin for registration and VBS!

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. May 14 9:00 am - MBS Clinic with Nurse Emily  
9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. May 16 June Messenger Article Deadline
- Sun. May 17 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting  
10:15 am - Sunday School - Last day of Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed - Last day of Adult Christian Ed
- Mon. May 18 9:00 am - Visitation for Nancy L Baker  
11:00 am - Memorial Service for Nancy L Baker  
4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
- Tues. May 19 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Immanuel UMC  
5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. May 21 9:00 am - MBS Clinic with Nurse Emily  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. May 24 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Pentecost
- Mon. May 25 Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed
- Tues. May 26 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational



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