

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Church Propers 20

September 17 & 20, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Rowen Erickson

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Matthew 20)

L: Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.

P: Our God is gracious.

L: Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.

P: Our God is merciful.

L: Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.

P: Our God is slow to anger.

L: Our tempers flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.

P: Our God abounds in steadfast love.

***HYMN:** "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

R42/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Call all the laborers, O God; Call your laborers who woke early; Call your laborers who came late; Call your laborers who feel wronged; Call your laborers who feel overlooked; Call your laborers who have no employment; Call your laborers who can't feed their children with this wage; Call your laborers who know they are working in your fields; Call your laborers who use their wage to increase your love; Call all your laborers, O God, tell us to roll up our sleeves for we know that we have work to do. Let us find you in the work we share here and now, in Christ's presence we pray. Amen.

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

by Jerry Sinclair

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WITNESS OF FAITH: Exodus 16:2-15

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

L: Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: I say unto you, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, your sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philippians 1:21-30

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

A TIME OF LEARNING: Out on a Limb (Humble) Projected

*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: "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" Projected
With Hillsong United

THURS. MEDITATION:

Rev. Clay Salmela

SUN. MEDITATION:

Rev. Becky Johnston

HYMN: “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

R304/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: When our eyes are heavy, we dream of another world. When our spirits are low, we turn to each other. When our anger flares, we need each other's gifts most. We give our gifts of tithes and offerings to create your kingdom of heaven.

*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: O God, you have called your laborers to give their gifts. Bless these offerings so that they reflect the work of the kingdom of heaven. With Christ, our servant, we pray. 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
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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 Summer office hours are Monday, 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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Heidi Schwanke and Janet Sommer Sept 17, Shirley Badtke Sept 20, Susan Meyer Sept 21, Sharon Wegner Sept 22, Madison Boers and Charlene Frederick Sept 23

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person:16	Livestream: 231	Total: 247
Sunday :	In-Person: 60	Livestream: 143	Total: 203

General Fund: \$4,115.00 OCWM: \$113.50 Capital Improvements: \$136.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

A/V: John Kwiatkowske/Judy Lueck **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten **Musician:** Rowen Erickson
Gatekeepers: Dennis & Emily Burk, Sue Wrzinski **Greeters:** Team 2

ORGAN CONCERT

Mark your calendar for October 10, 7:00 pm and be here to enjoy a wonderful evening of organ music performed by Jared Stellmacher. The concert, "Toccatas, Tunes, & Transcriptions" Pulling Out All the Stops, is sure to something to remember! The concert will be Livestreamed for those who are not able to be here in person.

This benefit concert is open to the public at no charge. All free will offerings that are received will go to Ripon Education Foundation's Sandy Polcyn Music Scholarship.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, October 11th, we celebrate all our member couples who have been married 50 or more years and whose anniversaries fall between October 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026. This year we have 3 more couples who join that group, bringing the total to 28 couples!

During the service each couple will be recognized and presented with a rose. We'll be showing a presentation that includes the wedding picture and current picture of each of the couples. Please be assured that our rejoicing and prayers include those of you at home that are not able to be in church that morning.

If you do not have a wedding and current photo on file already in the office from previous years, or would like to update those, please drop those off for us by Monday, September 28th by Noon. Your photos will be returned to you at the Anniversary Breakfast following the worship service.

DURING SABBATICAL

Rev. Clay Salmela will be filling in for all of our Thursday evening worship services. Rev. Becky Johnston will fill in for five of the Sunday morning worship services, and Rev. Jim Mohr will fill in for one Sunday worship service.

Rev. Clay will be available for Pastor visits to those who Rev. Kevin usually sees and, should the need arise, would also be available for funerals or memorial services.

If you have an emergency, please contact a member of the Church Council or call the Church Office during regular office hours. Please don't leave a voicemail on Pastor's line during his absence. You can leave voicemail on the office line, but the fastest return call will be by contacting a church council member. 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 September are: Peanut Butter, jam and jelly; canned tuna, chicken, salmon, stew; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; dehydrated, condensed, evaporated or shelf stable milk; kid-friendly healthy after school snacks; canned fruits; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned soups; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; flour; white sugar; brown sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil; pancake syrup; brownie and cake mix. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

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: Brent Heitmann, Emily McGuire, Maggie Moon, Kathy Schieler, the family and friends of Ruth Ann Cluppert, and 12 Unspoken.

CHURCH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact a member of the Church Council if you have a family emergency during Rev. Mundell's sabbatical.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Sept 17	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 1:00 pm - Ripon Senior Center Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice in the Sanctuary 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sat.	Sept 19	October Messenger Article Deadline
Sun.	Sept 20	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting 6:00 pm - Lego Team
Mon.	Sept 21	4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tues.	Sept 22	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1 st Congregational Church

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Sept 24	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice in the Sanctuary 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sun.	Sept 27	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 6:00 pm - Lego Team
Tues.	Sept 29	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - St Catherine of Siena



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