

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Early Easter Sunday Worship

March 31, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed!

L: Hope is alive!

P: Hope is alive, indeed!

L: God's love is eternal!

P: Hallelujah! Let us give thanks for what God has done.

***HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

R130/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: God of grace and power, we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb. We come trusting in the good news that tells us Christ is with us. For the Risen Christ is living proof that You care about our lives, O God. The Risen Christ offers to us glimpses of hope, even in our tears. As the tomb is not quiet. It speaks. It proclaims! It is a promise of eternal life! Thank you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Mark 16:1-8

MEDITATION: "Terror and Amazement"

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us now confess to God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: *If, at times, we deny you: God forgive. If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. If, at times,*

we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive. If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask

you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: In raising Jesus from the dead, God has brought life and immortality to light. And hear the good news: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In the name of Jesus, I say to you: Our sins are forgiven. All things are made new. Doubt no more; Christ is with us always.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

HYMN: "Crown him with many Crowns"

R309/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Trust in God" Elevation Worship feat. Chris Brown

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

***EASTER BENEDICTION:**

L: May God's abiding love and hope give us new life. May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled. And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace. For Christ is risen! Praise God!

P: Hallelujah!

*Postlude

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thurs.	March 28	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship in the Chapel with Communion
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Sun.	March 31	7:00 am - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 7:45 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
Mon.	April 1	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	April 2	5:00 pm - Community Meal at OSUCC, Volunteers welcome! 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Parent/Leader meeting
Thurs.	April 4	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion in Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	April 7	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
Mon.	April 8	6:15 pm - Puppets 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	April 9	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting
Thurs.	April 11	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion in Chapel

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **bulletin** or would like to sponsor an item, please email the office or drop it off by **Tuesday at 11am.**

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **May Messenger** can be emailed to or dropped off at the church office by Saturday, **April 20th**. Thank you!

NEW QR CODE FOR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

We have set up a brand new QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to make contributions via PayPal. Try it out!





We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

Join us for worship on or Sunday's at 9:00 am and Thursday's at 6:30 pm

Sunday Service is broadcast live via radio at 11:00AM on WRPN, AM station 1600.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and available at your convenience. If you are viewing worship from one of our Social Media Platforms, 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 reach out to Conrad Winkelman.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Longtime member, Bob Schouten, passed away Saturday, March 23rd. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve his passing.



A Visitation for Bob will be held Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am till 11:00 am here at OSUCC. The Memorial service with full military honors will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. Following the service, a luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall.

The inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to OSUCC's Radio Fund.

REV. MUNDELL ON VACATION

Reverend Mundell will be on vacation from the evening of March 31st until April 8th. If you have an urgent need please contact a Church Council member for assistance.

Reverend Dodson will be officiating at the Thursday, April 4th, worship service and at the Sunday, April 7th, worship service.

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION



Suggested food items *for March* are:

Canned proteins, canned beans, canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, baby food, baby formula, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, peanut butter, nuts, pasta and sauce, or canned vegetables.

These can be brought to the East Narthex. It is always best to buy canned items with a pull-tab for ease of opening and avoid glass containers whenever possible. Thank you to all who have already donated this month!

RIPON AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

OSUCC is hosting the Ripon Area Vacation Bible School this summer, and we are very excited! This year's theme is SCUBA, Diving Into Friendship with God. Dates will be July 28th - August 1st. Registration is not yet open on Facebook.



There are many ways to help so if you would enjoy volunteering, please contact Ricky or Debbie Prellwitz at rldeerhunter@centurytel.com or 920-229-4007 .