

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Palm Sunday

Mar. 21 & 24, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna in the highest!

ALL: Praise be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Cloaks and Branches" with our Sunday school Puppeteers

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,

P: riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.

L: Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.

P: Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!

L: Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

P: Hosanna, come and save us!

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

R123/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the

cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Spirit of the Living God”** B283/Projected
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbors, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet. We humbly pray, Jesus our Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: How we love to hang on to the past! We get all tied up remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn't. Your past is accepted. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Let it go. Live in the freedom God hands to you afresh each day.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philippians 2:5-11

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Lord's Prayer: 4th Petition Projected
From Luther House of Study

***STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed** 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**

THUR. HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (1779) Projected
With Reawaken Hymns

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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.**

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION: "What is the Significance...?" Projected
From Questions? We've Got Answers

MEDITATION: "Blessed be the One" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Draw nigh to thy Jerusalem" R125/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's act of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips.

OFFERTORY

*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 (Responsive)

ALL: God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and 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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	March 24	9:00 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary
Mon.	March 25	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice
Tues.	March 26	5:00 pm - Community Meal at First Congregational Church of Ripon 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting
Thurs.	March 28	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 - Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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
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

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sun.	April 7	10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
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REV. MUNDELL WILL BE 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.



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

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let us know.

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

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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Harold Brown, March 24, Matthew Graff, March 29, Aaliyah Wilson, April 1, David Dolske, Kelly Mundell, Thomas Widlake, April 2, Boni Jensen, April 3

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Wednesday: 17	Thursday: 8	Sunday : 71
Livestream Views:	Wednesday: 81	Thursday: 68	Sunday: 63

General Fund: \$3,427.50 OCWM: \$188.50 Capital Improvements: \$244.00

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

9:00 AM WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

OSUCC LOGO POLO SHIRT SALE COMING TO A CLOSE

Time to get your order in! We will be closing shirt sales today. There is a green folder containing the order sheet on the stand next to the rack. The shirts are \$23 each, which is a great price for the quality of material and workmanship. Please pay when ordering, you can leave the check/cash in the office or the drop box with a note. Thank you!

APRIL OSUCC FREE COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in volunteering at our April 2nd Free Community Meal can contact Barb Stracy at 920-229-1183 or Nancy Henning at 920-229-3486. Attendance at the meal continues to increase so we appreciate your help and support, thank you so much!



EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Just a quick reminder that breakfast will be served on Easter in Fellowship Hall from 7:45 am until 8:45 am.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sliced ham, sizzling hot bacon, Ron’s Hoppin blueberry pancakes, oven browned potatoes, and all the sweets you can handle.

Please join us! If you go away hungry....well, it will not be for want of great food!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

In need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Bob Schouten, Edna Schwandt, 23 Unspoken, and all others.*



MIND, BODY, AND SOUL CLINIC RESUMES

Nurse Emily offers the Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic every Thursday from 9:00 am till Noon. Also, on the first Sunday of each month she offers a Blood Pressure Clinic immediately following the worship service.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VENEZUELAN REFUGEES

We're still collecting so if you are interested in helping, the most needed items are new or slightly used winter gloves; new or slightly used winter coats infant to medium adult in size; new or slightly used pajamas infant to medium adult in size; new diapers sizes 0-6; new underwear sizes 2T up to adult medium.



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!

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

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

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