

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Lent Two

Feb. 22 & 25, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

P: What does the call require?

L: Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross. Aligning our soul with God's.

P: We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our life to save it.

L: Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

P: We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid. Amen.

***HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart" R288/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at the expense of our soul. Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion. Teach us about Jesus' way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed. You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying, and embracing your way with courage. May it be so. Amen.

***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: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 22:23-31

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: In every time, prophets and apostles have come to call the people of God to repentance and newness of life. We too are called to admit our sin and to commit ourselves anew to follow in God's way. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, like Peter, sometimes we think we know better than you do. We make our own attempts to save ourselves and others from the cross filled path you have called us to walk. Help us to get behind you, because it has become easier to rely upon ourselves, rather than on your strength and presence. Grant us grace and help us to let go of our need for control so that you and your way might be our guide and path forward. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Do not fear. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the new has come.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 4:13-25

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Lord's Prayer: Introduction 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

HYMN: "He Died for Me" (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.

LENTEN VISUAL REFLECTION: "Prepare for More" Projected
From TWOTP with Dale Ryan

MEDITATION: “Wants vs. Needs” Rev. Mundell

HYMN:

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

R140/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: In a world that offers a vision of never enough, we share in God’s abundant provision for all. While we could gain the world but lose our soul, it is from within our soul that we share in a generous spirit of giving.

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: Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross, and to follow. Rather than exchanging our souls, may the sharing of these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the name and way of Jesus, 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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	February 25	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary 4:00 pm - Pack 3735 AOL meeting
Mon.	February 26	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice
Tues.	February 27	5:30 pm - Community Meal at First Congregational Church of Ripon 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Dinner and Crossover Ceremony
Wed.	February 28	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel
Thur.	February 29	5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel with Communion

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	March 3	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
Mon.	March 4	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice
Tues.	March 5	5:30 pm - Community Meal at OSUCC, Volunteers appreciated! 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leaders meeting
Wed.	March 6	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel
Thur.	March 7	5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sun.	March 10	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary - UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Daylight Savings Time begins
Mon.	March 11	6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	March 28	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service
Sun.	March 31	7:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary 8:00 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary



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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Philip Michael Busse and Kim Graff, February 25, Bonnie Perr February 26, Amy Borgardt and Trinity Roehl, February 27, James Koplin, February 28, Nancy Henning, February 29

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person: Wednesday: 49 Thursday: 7 Sunday : 59

Livestream Views: Wednesday: TD Thursday: 116 Sunday: 105

General Fund: \$2,971.50 OCWM: \$239.50 Capital Improvements: \$273.00

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

9:00 AM WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske

Liturgist: Keith Mulder

Musician: Nicole Burdick

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Pat Schaub, Bob Schouten, Edna Schwandt, 21 Unspoken, and all others.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Blood pressure (BP) is a measurement of the force of the blood flowing through your arteries, which are the vessels that carry blood away from your heart. The ideal BP is less than 120/80. High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is defined as any BP equal to or greater than 140/90.



Hypertension is one of the most common disorders affecting the heart and blood vessels and it significantly increases your risk of developing heart disease and affects more than 1 billion people globally. It is challenging because it is typically asymptomatic and often remains hidden until caught during routine monitoring.

If you are curious about your BP feel free to stop in and visit Nurse Emily for a routine check during her clinic times.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VENEZUELAN REFUGEES



As most of you know, Rev. Mundell's niece, Jaycie Mundell, volunteers with an organization in Rockford, IL that has shifted from working with primarily children in need to trying to help work with the Venezuela refugees living on the streets of Chicago. She asked Rev. Mundell if our church would help.

Our Missions committee liked the idea and would like to help. We have a donation box located in the East Narthex where items may be dropped off and we will be collecting for the next couple of months. If you are able, please help.

We are awed and so appreciative of the response already from so many of you. Thank you so much to all who have already donated!

Here are the items of most need: 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.

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 **April Messenger** should be emailed to the office or dropped off at church by Saturday, **March 16th**. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items *for February* are:

Unsweetened applesauce, canned beans, canned chicken, canned fish (tuna and salmon), canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, fruit (dried or canned), granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, peanut butter, nuts, pasta, 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!