Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Lent Three Feb. 29 & Mar. 03, 2024

* All who are able please stand

Prelude Acc.: Nicole Burdick

L: Leader; P: People

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GRFFTING

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: Into the house of God we are called to enter,

P: to worship and receive the gift of grace.

L: As we step towards this sacred space,

P: we acknowledge all that can distract or exploit.

L: God calls upon us to cleanse our houses of all that does not find its source in God's love.

P: Together we give ourselves in worship and right relations with our neighbor. Let us worship God.

*HYMN: "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" R41/Projected

*INVOCATION

ALL: O God of temples and tables turned over, we enter this sacred space of worship seeking your transformation and healing. Make us ready for the kind of turned upside down world you are seeking to build among us. We have come to this place of worship to be changed, so turn over our tables and make us whole. In the name of Jesus our savior. 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: Exodus 20:1-17

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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, there are times when we choose to bring our folly and the many reckless ways of exploiting the poor into your house. Sometimes without our even knowing it. And so, when our houses of worship need change or when we have wandered from your ways, help us to turn towards you. Not because of what we can gain from you, but because your love is a gift unearned and unwavering. Grant us your grace, in the name of Christ. 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: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Lord's Prayer: 1st Petition Projected

From Luther House of Study

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed (old language) 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

SUN. SPECIAL MUSIC: "Jesus Has a Kind Hand" by the Sunday School Singers

THUR. HYMN: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (1804) 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: "Earthen Vessels" Projected
From TWOTP with Phuc Luu

MEDITATION: "Prove Yourself" Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.] L: The richness of God's love extends to all persons and in response to God's abundant compassion, we are invited into a spirit of generosity so that God's love may be known to the very ends of the earth. Let us give generously.

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: O God, whose richness is not found at the tables of those willing to exchange goods for the sake of acquiring earthly riches, but rather is found at the table of extravagant love for neighbor, we entrust these gifts to your care that they may abound in your steadfast love for all persons. Use them for the building of your beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" R239/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

*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 3	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion		
Mon.	March 4	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice		
Tues.	March 5	5:00 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		
		NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS		
Sun.	March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins		
		9:00 am - Worship Service - UCC One Great Hour of Sharing		
Mon.	March 11	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice		
		6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting		
Tues.	March 12	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church		
		6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leaders meeting		
Wed.	March 13	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel		
Thur.	March 14	March 14 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice		
		6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel		
Sat.	March 16	Messenger Deadline for April Edition		
		UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST		
Thurs.	March 28	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service		
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary		
Sun.	un. March 31 7:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service in the San			
		7:45 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall		

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.**

9:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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



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. 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 Winkleman.



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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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Jennifer Coats, March 2, Peter Schieler, March 4, Darlene Kwiatkoske, March 6, Kory Splittgaber, March 7, Beverly Lenz and Susan Manthei, March 8, Ellawynn Schlieve, March 9

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person: Wednesday: 19 Thursday: 7 Sunday: 60

Livestream Views: Wednesday: 89 Thursday: 81 Sunday: 81

General Fund: \$1,077.00 OCWM: \$186.00 Capital Improvements: \$49.00

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

9:00 AM WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Phil Manthei Liturgist: Cal Fischer Musician: Nicole Burdick

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday's bulletin is sponsored In Memory of Donald Stracy and the radio broadcast is sponsored In Honor of Riley and Elsie Mincy by their son.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING TABLE MEAL

Thank you so much! Volunteers are all set for our March 5th free Community Meal. If you would like to volunteer for the April 2nd meal, contact Barb Stracy at 920-229-1183.



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!

OSUCC LOGO POLO SHIRT SAMPLES

The sample shirts have arrived! They are in the East Narthex on the clothes rack for you to look at for material and colors. You may try them on to check sizes also. Ladies have the option of a V-neck shirt with a collar or the traditional polo shirt.

There is a green folder containing the order sheet on the stand next to the rack. The shirt's are \$23 each, which is a great price for the quality of material and workmanship. Please pay when ordering, Thank you!

prayer Chain

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, Bob Schouten, Edna Schwandt, 23 Unspoken, and all others.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VENEZUELAN REFUGEES

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! The first load was taken down to Rockford, IL this past Friday to be turned over to the collection organization. A big thank you to Kelly Mundell for driving the donations down.



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.

REV. MUNDELL TO BE ON VACATION

Reverand Mundell will be on vacation from the evening of March 31st through April 8, 2024. If you have need during his absence, please contact a Church Council member.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

Our Office Manager, Jane Brady, would like to thank all of you for the prayers, support, caring, and kindness shown to her following the unexpected passing of her twin sister, Jean Brady Moeller. It is so much appreciated by Jane and her family. Thank you!