

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Five

April 25 & 28, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: Jesus said: I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I in that person, will bear much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing. This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.

P: When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.

L: We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

ALL: With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation we sing:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

R309/Projected

***SENTENCES**

L: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

P: We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.

L: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

P: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

L: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide for ever in the assurance of your love; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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: Acts 8:26-40

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Take heart: God’s Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 John 4:7-21

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

A TIME OF LEARNING: “The Apostle’s Creed Part I” 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**

SUN. SPECIAL MUSIC: “Who Am I, Lord?” Senior Choir
David Thompson

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.**

Hymn: “Trust in God” Elevation Worship

Projected

(#3 Hymn on Praise and Worship charts)

MEDITATION: “Abide”

Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Thine is the Glory”

R139/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: God gave us love through Jesus. We give back from the abundance in our lives because we can, in service, in talents, in gifts, and most of all in our love for one another. Take our gifts and share them as you share yourself with us. Amen.

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: As we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, we bring to you these gifts from the abundance in our lives knowing that Jesus’ gift will always surpass anything we offer up to you. Take these gifts as a token of our appreciation and love. 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.	April 28	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - If you ordered a OSUCC Polo shirt, you can pick it up in the East Narthex today
Mon.	April 29	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	April 30	5:00 pm - Community Meal at St Chatherine of Siena Catholic Parish 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack meeting
Thurs.	May 2	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Fri.	May 4	9:00 am - OSUCC Brat Fry at Webster's Market

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	May 5	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Confirmation and Communion 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
Mon.	May 6	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	May 7	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack meeting
Thurs.	May 9	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel

OSUCC QR CODE FOR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS



For your convenience, we have set up a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to make contributions to OSUCC via PayPal. If you've never done this before, it's quite simple. Just focus your phone camera on the QR code then tap on the word paypal.com when it appears.

The link will open our OSUCC PayPal page and you can use your debit or credit card to contribute. You'll have the option to do a one-time contribution or set it up as a monthly contribution.



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. 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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Declan Lieske and Ian Lieske April 29, Tara Koller and Lawrence Retzlaff May 1

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Thursday: 6	Sunday: 66	Total: 72
Livestream Views:	Thursday: 25	Sunday: 21	Total: 118
General Fund: \$2,503.5	OCWM: \$76.50	Capital Improvements: \$55.00	

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Phil Manthei **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder **Musician:** Niclole Burdick

MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER DRIVE

Did you know that 1 in 3 families in the US can’t afford diapers for their children? Let’s see what we can do to help where we can here in our own community.



Mission Committee is holding a Mother’s Day Diaper Drive, though you are welcome to donate using the collection box in the East Narthex even before May 12th. There will be a container for monetary donations if you would prefer to do that. The diapers and any monetary donations will be distributed to our local Ripon food pantries. Thank you!

EFFECTIVE MAY 1 - CHANGES TO CHURCH SECURITY DURING WORSHIP SERVICES



Over the last several months, discussions have been held relating to additional security for the Church during worship services. We are going to be contacting CEC (our current security company) for additional recommendations to increase our security.

As an initial step, we will limit the number of doors that will be unlocked for worship services and other Church activities. The only doors that will be unlocked are doors 1, 8, and 9 on Scott Street and door 2 at the East Narthex entrance. All other doors will always remain locked, apart from Thursday evening when the Chapel ramp door 7 will be open for the worship service. These changes will take effect on May 1, 2024.

OSUCC LOGO POLO SHIRTS

The polo shirts have arrived! You can pick up your order in the East Narthex after church. Thanks!

BRAT FRY OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, May 3rd is our OSUCC Brat Fry at Webster's Market from 9:00 till 3:00 PM, with proceeds going to Ripon's own Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Bakers and workers in the stand are needed and the sign-up sheets are in the East Narthex now. Thank you!



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, 23 Unspoken, the family and friends of Edna Schwandt, the family and friends of Janice Handrich, and all others.*

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 Prellwitz at rlpdeerhunter@charter.net or Debbie Prellwitz at debster60@charter.net.



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items *for April* are:

Apple sauce, canned proteins (such as chicken, ham, tuna, salmon), canned beans, canned soup or chili, 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. Thank you to those who have already donated!

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 **June Messenger** can be emailed to osuccripon1@gmail.com or dropped off at church office by Saturday, **May 18th**. Thank you!