

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Pentecost Sunday May 16 & 19, 2024

** All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*
Prelude Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God has done great things for us!

P: We declare God's mighty works with all we have!

L: In a world where there is deceit and unkindness,

P: We declare God's mighty works with all we have!

L: We praise the One who has kept us safe and provided for us.

P: We worship the One who has blessed us with holy wisdom!

L: Let us worship God together!

P: Come, Holy Spirit!

***HYMN:** "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" R151/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Jesus, our sibling and friend, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God's love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we've found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God's goodness. 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 104:24-34,35b

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power. Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit is often an empty ritual. Through the Spirit you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death. Through the Spirit you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains. Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between ourselves and others. Through the Spirit you offer us power, but we shrink away in fear and doubt.

Forgive us, O God, that we refuse the gifts you offer. Allow us to touch the risen Christ that our doubt may be overcome. Let us sing and dance with joy, truly celebrating your presence. Let us move with courage into the world with the word of your love. We pray in the powerful name of Jesus.

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: People of God, leap up, dance! The Spirit is here in healing power. Your sins are forgiven. Rise up in the new life of the Spirit.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

A TIME OF LEARNING: LITANY for the Celebration of Our Church School Year

SUNDAY SPECIAL MUSIC: “” Voices Ala Carte

**THURSDAY HYMN: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (1878) Projected
From Reawaken Hymns**

***STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ 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**

VISUAL REFLECTION: “Pentecost” Projected

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: “Build Your Kingdom Here” with Rend Collective Projected

MEDITATION: “God will open our graves” Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “ “The Church’s One Foundation” R152/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Just as everything given to Jesus comes from God, everything given to us comes from Jesus, the foremost human example for our faith. May we respond to that gift with joy, mindful of the ways God works in this church, intros community, and in this world.

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: Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. 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

Celebration of the Church School Year

Introduction

L: Hear these words from the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

L: Jesus commanded all his disciples in all times and places to live out their faith by making disciples of every nation. Today we celebrate some of the ways in which we here at Our Saviour’s make disciples of every nation. When we baptize someone, we bring them into Christ’s church, when we confirm that baptized person, we are holding each other accountable for that person’s discipleship and we are declaring them to be on the journey of growth in their faith in God. It is not the completion of the journey but rather the recognition that we, as a community, are helping them to become disciples of Jesus Christ, a process that lasts our whole life.

L: Today we want to recognize and celebrate the diverse ministries and gifts within our faith community that serve to disciple one another. We would like to celebrate all the teachers who taught faithfully this year through Sunday school, all the mentors who helped us with confirmation, all the students who learned faithfully throughout the year in Sunday school, in worship, and in confirmation. All the parents who modeled their faith. We would also like to celebrate all you who have prayed for the teachers, mentors, students and confirmands and parents throughout the year as a faithful member of our church. God has used all of us to further God’s kingdom through the work we do here this day. And God continues to call us to that work as God takes us into the future.

L: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

L: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our service.

P: The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

L: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

P: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

L: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

P: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

L: Together we have served God through our giving of time, talent, resources, prayers, and faithfulness and God is thankful and celebrating with us this day.

Presentation

L: I want to lift up our Christian Education Committee, our teachers, our confirmation mentors, the parents and all the students of every age who grew and learned together this year.

L: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted this call and served faithfully during this past school year to be both a witness of service and a witness of faith to us all. From the expectations of last fall, through the joy of Thanksgiving, the expectation of Advent, the wonder of Christmas, the reflective time of Lent, the celebration of Easter, our education programs have continued to serve.

ALL: We give thanks to God for chances of learning, for experiencing friendship, for growing in faith and love; for all the hard work and the joy found in each other and in learning together.

L: We thank God for all the resources provided that allowed us to learn and grow together through all our education programs.

P: We thank God for the new and renewing opportunities which the summer will offer, and we pray that we find ourselves refreshed and charged with energy. Amen.



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, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. On Tuesday we are open from 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM. 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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Nicole Langenfeld May 19 , Jamie Failor May 20, Genevieve Fude and Kimberly Turner May 24, Heather Lauffer May 25

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 9	Livestream: 226	Total: 235
Sunday:	In-Person: 86	Livestream: 156	Total: 242

General Fund: \$2,110.00 OCWM: \$232.00 Capital Improvements: \$218.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske
Burdick

Liturgist: Phil Manthei

Musician: Niclole



IN OUR PRAYERS

OSUCC member, Kathleen (Kathy) Luedke, passed away May 10, 2024 at Maplecrest Manor.

A visitation for Kathy will be held here from 10:00 am till 11:00. The funeral will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. A luncheon will begin immediately following the service. Inurnment will take place at 2:00 pm at Green Lake Center Cemetery.

Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.

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 now open! Please register online by June 24th at <https://riponvbs.org>. No walk-in registrations will be accepted.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Today is actually the final day for the 2024 Christian Education classes. We would like to recognize, and thank, both the participants and their teachers. We also recognize Barb Stracy for her work with the Sunday School Singers, who we truly enjoyed listening to. Thank you, Barb!

Thank you to our 2024 Sunday School attendees and Confirmands: Leighton Boers, Alonzo Camerena, Sebastian Camerena, Beau Mueller, Gage Mueller, Reid Mueller, Atlas Page, and Nyasia Singh. Our Confirmands are Madison Boers, Phillip Busse, Emmersyn Langenfeld, and Rorie Nitz.

We thank and appreciate our teachers who bring such joy and dedication to their teaching:

- K-5th Grade - Jackie Bogucke, Debbie Hahn, Judy Heitman, and Ronia Leavitt.
- 6th-12th Grade - Phil Wepner
- Confirmands and Adults - Rev. Kevin Mundell



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items *for May* are:

Apple sauce, baby food, baby formula, canned proteins (such as chicken, ham, tuna, salmon), canned beans and vegetables, canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, flour, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, nuts, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, and sugar. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

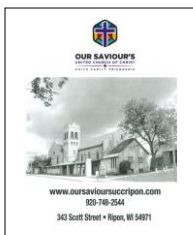
In need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Tara Koller, Terry Nitz, 24 Unspoken, the family and friends of Kathy Luedke, and all others.



DOWNLOADABLE WORSHIP BULLETINS

You can now download our 2024 worship bulletins from our website using the link <https://bit.ly/OSUCCDownloads> so you can more easily share or follow along during our radio broadcast and livestream service. Each file is the complete bulletin with the announcements and any inserts. Our monthly Messengers are available on the same page.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thurs. May 16 9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:00 pm - Ripon Area VBS meeting
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. May 18 **June Messenger Deadline**
3:00 pm - Blachowiak - Melchor Wedding
- Sun. May 19 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - **Pentecost**
10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
4:00 pm - Den Meeting
- Mon. May 20 4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Evangelism Committee meeting
- Tues. May 21 5:30 pm - Community Meal at First Congregational Church of Ripon
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thurs. May 23 9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:00 pm - Ripon Area VBS meeting
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. May 26 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
4:00 pm - Den Meeting
- Mon. May 27 **Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**
- Tues. May 28 5:00 pm - Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist Church
6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Rain Gutter Regatta

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **worship bulletin** or would like to sponsor altar flowers, a radio broadcast, or a worship bulletin, please email the office or drop your request off by **Tuesday at 1:30 pm.**

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!

Red Geraniums for Pentecost 2024



In Memory of

Clarence & Elda Zimmerman

Don Retzlaff

Edna Schwandt

Harold, Helen, & David Manthei

Jeff & Doreen Badtke

Kelsey & Norma Kuhs

Lawrence & Irene Prellwitz

Loved Ones

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Melvin & Lucille Miller

Merwin & Ruth Stellmacher

Paul & Elsie Brady

Ralph & Mae Schaefer

William R Waltenberry, Robert & Edna
Waltenberry

Given By

Tom & Julie Stellmacher

Caroline Retzlaff

Chester & Donna Burton

Phil Manthei

Tom Badtke

Tom & Julie Stellmacher

The Prellwitz Family

Kathy Lang

The Miller Family

Doris Schwandt

The Wrzinski Family

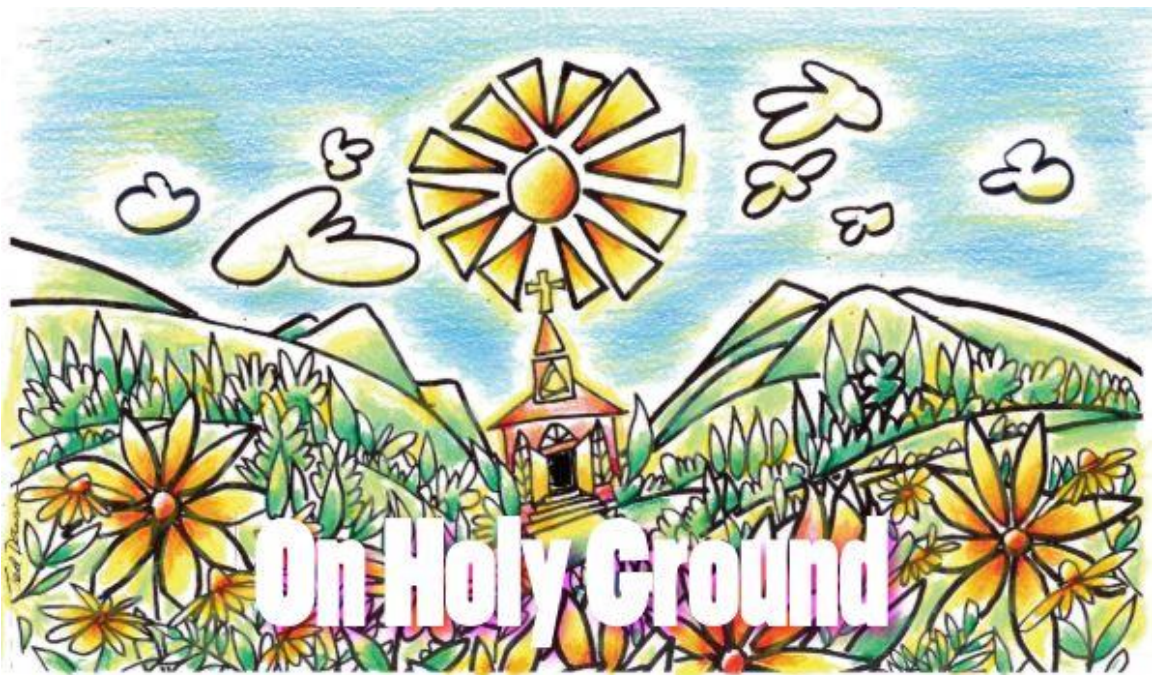
Tom & Julie Stellmacher

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The Brady Family

The Bebel & Moessner Families

Mary Ann Waltenberry



Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson

God calls us into community. God desires for us a big, inclusive, expansive, welcoming community. One where "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome." I call this a "big tent" community. God wants our congregations and our whole Christian movement to be a "big tent" where all can be genuinely welcomed.

The **Strengthen the Church Offering** supports congregations and initiatives that help us live into the United Church of Christ's "big tent" vision. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. Your conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and for the future of our movement.

Through this offering, we further our commitment to being a multi-racial/multi-cultural church that is accessible to all.

Will you join people across the UCC in making a gift to **Strengthen the Church**? Together, we can be the "big tent" God calls us to be.

**Learn more about the Strengthen the Church Offering
and download materials for the offering at**

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