

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Church Proper 22 World Communion Sunday October 3 & 6, 2024

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

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Holy One dwells within and beyond the congregation and makes a home among us.

P: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

L: The glory of the Sovereign One abides with us, illuminating our journey, energizing our gathering, and warming our spirits.

P: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

L: Bless the Name of Names, the God of Truth, and the Giver of Life with songs of praise, prayers of hope, and moments of connection.

P: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

***HYMN:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" R34/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Majestic God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth, and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with our kin around the world in celebrating you and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and in truth...one bread, one body...the church striving to one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit are one. 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 2:18-24

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 8

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Holy One, we come to this gathering, the table, and your presence mindful that this day particularly celebrates our human connectedness.

The reality lies far from the idea and your vision of beloved community. You call us to remember the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, the isolated and abandoned. You command us to love our neighbor and have blessed us to live in an era in which we may know our neighbors from across the world to amazing degrees. Yet, we cling to our echo chambers and isolationist tendencies. We place our desires and comforts over the good of the world. We demonize difference rather than dignify diversity. Forgive us and have mercy on us while propelling us to new life. Extend your grace to transform our attitude and actions and infuse us with openness, curiosity, and love.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Through Jesus your sin is forgiven, and God's grace and power reside in you in mutual support of a transformed life. As 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and [God] will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing [God] will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." Allow the testing to strengthen you, to build your endurance, and to do a new thing in you and through you for the glory of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:2-16

A TIME OF LEARNING: "YHWY/Lord"

Projected

The Animated Bible Project Series: The Shema Series

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed (older 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

SPECIAL MUSIC: "And We Remember Him", Jay Althouse

With Our Saviour's Senior Choir

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:	“Come as You are” With The Many	Projected
MEDITATION:	“Made for Companionship”	Rev. Mundell
HYMN:	“Let Us Break Bread Together” Vs. 1&2.	R210/Projected
LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION		Insert/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: When we consider the gifts of God, stewardship of our resources rises among them. The psalmist marveled, “What are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.” The Sovereign God has given us responsibility and care of our sibling, creation. May we respond to the call to glorify God by the work of our hands, the allocation of our resources, and the generosity of our hearts.

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**

ALL: Holy One, we thank you for our abundance and the privilege to share in the flourishing of our community and the world. Bless these gifts and be glorified by our generosity and trust in your provision, sufficiency, and renewing power. 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**

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

L: Faith communities around the Earth gather to observe World Communion Sunday. Some call it Holy Communion; others refer to it as the Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist) or Lord's Supper. Some place elements on an altar. In the Protestant tradition, we approach the Table. Every language and tongue, every tribe and nation, every continent and hemisphere represented as the Body of Christ accepts the invitation to unity around a meal prepared by the One who entered a body, the human condition, and the brokenness of the world. Let us join together in the name of Jesus the Christ to commune as one.

L: God be with you.

P: The Holy One is with us.

L: May our hardened hearts be softened.

P: We lift them up to the Holy One with thanksgiving and in hopeful expectation.

Words of Thanksgiving

ALL: Gracious God, you are holy, and you make us holy. We declare glory and honor due to your precious name. Like generations before us and the heavenly chorus beyond us, we cry, Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. All realms are filled with your glory. Redeem us, restore us, renew us. Blessed by your Holy Name.

Words of Remembrance

L: We join in remembrance of your incarnation. Your humble beginnings affirm that the strength of God is perfected in weakness. The years of obscurity left unrecorded and unknown to us remind us that good things benefit from preparation and patience. The record of your baptism reminds us of our own baptism as we entered the waters of life and community with you. Recalling your ministry encourages us to engage in the work of healing, teaching, and presence. Revisiting your passion challenges us to expand our capacity to love generously, sacrificially, and relentlessly.

Words of Institution

L: For it was the night of betrayal when Jesus enjoyed a meal with his community of faithful disciples. Imperfect people committed to follow his way encircled that table. The one who would deny him was at the table. The one who would betray him was at the table. Many who would flee in fear of the risk

to their own lives sat at that table. All were welcomed. All were known. All were loved.

L: All were nourished as Jesus took the bread, gave thanks for it, and broke it. As he offered the bread to the gathered, he declared, “This is my body. Take and eat in remembrance of me.”

L: After supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it. As he offered the cup to the gathered, he declared, “This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Take and drink in remembrance of me.”

L: Ministering in the name of Jesus, we offer bread and cup as we proclaim:

ALL: Christ lived, Christ died, Christ rose, and Christ lives again.

L: Receive the gifts of God for the people of God.

[Instructions for receiving communion]

Words of Prayer

ALL: Communal God, we give you thanks that as you shared in life and death, you lead us into the resurrected life. At this table, we acknowledge your abiding presence among us. You offered us bread and cup, which we receive in remembrance and expectation of your movement in human history. Form us as your faithful community and shape us as servants and stewards of your realm. By your Holy Spirit, may your covenant reign within our hearts and manifest in the witness of our lives now and forever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thurs. Oct. 3
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
- Sun. Oct. 6
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
10:15 am - Sunday School
6:15 pm - Lego Multiverse
- Mon. Oct. 7
6:15 pm - Puppets Practice
- Tues. Oct. 8
5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thurs. Oct. 10
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
9:30 am - Called to Care Meeting
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Oct. 13
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary, **Anniversary Sunday**
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Breakfast Sunday and Anniversary Breakfast
6:15 pm - Lego Multiverse
- Mon. Oct. 14
1:00 pm - Science Club
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
6:15 pm - Puppets Practice
- Tues. Oct. 15
5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist
5:30 pm - Mission Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone. The code on the left is for contributions and the code on the right is a shortcut to Bulletins.





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 Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please 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 let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and 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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Donna Burton Oct 3; Thomas Auchtung Oct 5, Bennett Burk, Judy Koplin, Casey Kuehn, Carol Prellwitz, Christina Sabel, and Eveyln Thom Oct 7

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 10	Livestream: 130	Total: 140
Sunday:	In-Person: 46	Livestream: 117	Total: 163

General Fund: \$1,444.00 OCWM: \$184.00 Capital Improvements: \$224.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

BULLETIN AND RADIO SPONSORSHIPS

The worship bulletin is given in Memory of John and Vera Wepner by their son, Phillip Wepner. The Sunday radio broadcast is also given in Memory of John and Vera Wepner by their son, Phillip Wepner.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING - SUNDAY OCT. 6TH

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice For All!” This year’s focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey.

UCC HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY APPEAL

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster well after their plight fades from the headlines. As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to the Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal. This is something you can do to help alleviate suffering, rebuild homes, and restore communities. OSUCC has created special contribution envelopes for this cause. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you 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 and 21 Unspoken*

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - SUNDAY, OCT. 13TH

On Sunday, October 13th, we will be celebrating and honoring couples who have been married 50+ years with anniversaries falling between October 1, 2023, and September 31, 2024. Please RSVP using the form and envelope you received or call the church office as soon as possible so that we can get proper counts for food, etc. Thank you!



BREAKFAST NEWS - SUNDAY, OCT. 13TH

On Sunday, October 13th we will be honoring the Anniversary Couples at a wonderful breakfast in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. This breakfast is open to the entire congregation so please come, celebrate the couples, enjoy breakfast and good fellowship!

A free will offering basket will be available if you choose to do so. Thank you!



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *October* are:

Breakfast cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, syrup, any flavor of Hamburger Helper, any flavor Rice a Roni, boxed mac and cheese, Easy Mac, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla extract, cinnamon, cake mixes, brownie mixes, pudding, Jello, SPAM, stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, salt, pepper, garlic powder or garlic salt. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!

TURKEY DINNER NEWS

Saturday, October 26th, is our 22 Annual Turkey Dinner, so it must officially be Fall! We have tickets available in the church office, Webster's Marketplace, and Ripon Drug. The cost remains \$13, with children 5 and under dining-in for free.



The donation board is now available in the North Narthex for those who wish to help that way.