**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Season of Epiphany Feb. 17 & 20, 2022

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow? Find me at your table,
**P: We’ll share your food**
L: Find me in your resources,
**P: We’ll share your riches**
L: Find me in your power,
**P: We’ll share your mercy**
L: Find me in your pain,
**P: We’ll share your forgiveness**
L: Find me in your generosity,
**P: We’ll share all, and expect nothing in return**

L: In community, seek my holiness,
**P: We follow you in love, generosity, joy**
L: In the world, share my desire:
**P: We follow you in justice, mercy, peace for all.**

\*HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” R21/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: Holy One, you are deep within our world, calling us to join you in creating abundant life for all. Open our hearts to recognize you free us to trust your call and follow; enable us to repent, and forgive, and join in your work to make “all things new”. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen***

\*Response & Invitation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas A. Dorsey

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,**

**I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Genesis 45:3-11,15

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Holy One, your call is deceptively simple: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” And yet we cling to self-serving ways which separate us from your beloved creation. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: You call us to turn our lives around, to risk repentance and learn forgiveness,
to work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon.
**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

L: You call us to be full of joyful confidence to create community where all have enough for abundant life, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.
**ALL: Christ, have mercy.**

L: You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice, but too often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate:
**ALL: Holy One, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Our God is good, and generous, and loving. In Jesus your sins are forgiven. Trust in Jesus’ promise: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN Projected

 A visual telling of the Gospel story

SUNDAY SPECIAL MUSIC: “We are the Light of the World” Projected

by Jean A. Greif – Performed by Becky Mulder, Boni Jensen, Deb Stark,

Pat Gittens, Barb Schouten and Kathy Lang

\*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: “What is Agape Love?” 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, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Here I Am to Worship” Projected

 with Maranatha! Music

MEDITATION: “The Jesus Way” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Shine, Jesus Shine” Maranatha 2/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: When we give our tithes and offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. I invite you to give as generously as you have received.

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: Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, 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 COMING EVENTS**

**Thurs. February 17 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Worship Service in Sanctuary**

**Fri. February 18 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. February 20 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary**

 **After Worship - Altar Guild Meeting in Conference Room**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**Mon. February 21 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:30pm Christian Ed Meeting**

 **6:30pm Evangelism Meeting**

**Tues.**  **February 22 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:00pm Constitution Committee Meeting**

**Wed. February 23 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Twenty**

**Thurs. February 24 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **9:30am Called to Care Meeting**

 **6:30pm Worship Service**

**Fri. February 25 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. February 27 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. March 2 5:15pm Confirmation Session Twenty-One**

 **6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service with Rev.Dodson**

**Thurs. March 3 6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. March 6 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If any of your contact information changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** Our next Drive-Thru Communion will be happening on March 6th. We had 10 participants on February 6th.

**LOOSE COIN UPDATE:** We are still using the loose coins in the offering plate for special projects. You can still give by specifying on the envelope that it is for Stewardship loose coin offering. Thanks to all for your continued support.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINES:** If you are interested in getting information placed in the bulletin, or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, these requests are needed by **Tuesday, 11am.** This deadline ensures our delivered bulletins are received before Thursday/Sunday Service!

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!**

We welcome all visitors and guests, and we are glad you can join us for our services.

**Large print bulletins and regular bulletins with copies of the hymn for those wanting a print form, are available in the vestibule and online, if you would like one mailed to you, please let us know. Weekly hymns are being printed and some are available in the vestibule by the bulletins.**

Worship Services are Thursday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am, along with Advent Mid-Week Services in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. All services are live streamed, and a video recording is placed on our social media sites to view at any time. For those videos, please visit: www.oursavioursuccripon.com or “Our Saviours United Church of Christ” Facebook page & Youtube Channel. If you are viewing the worship from one of our social media platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you’re worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad.

Either the Thursday or Sunday service will be broadcasted via radio at 11:00am on 1600AM WRPN

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  The office hours are: Monday-Friday, 9AM-NOON. If you need to get into the church at an unopen time, please call the church office and leave a message, or call a church council person.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**:

In-Person: Thursday 6:30 – 17 Sunday 9:00-55

Livestream Views: Thursday – 203 Sunday: 48

General Fund: $1553 Capital Improvements: $104.50 OCWM: $53.50

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

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Jamie Prellwitz

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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***Birthday Greetings to our Young at Heart (50+)***

***Patti Schaalma,*** *February 16,* ***Lorraine Fischer,*** *February 17,*

***Elizabeth Handrich,*** *February 17,* ***Donald Schultz,*** *February 17,*

***Dorothy Stellmacher****, February 17,* ***Dorothy Evensen,*** *February 19,*

***Noann Gomoll,*** *February 19,* ***Tom Badtke,*** *February 20,* ***Herman Berndt,*** *February 21,*

***Joan Bischoff,*** *February 21,****Dawn Brown,*** *February 22,*

***Carlton Huth,*** *February 22,* ***Tammy Reimer,*** *February 22*

**ALTAR & ORGAN FLOWERS; RADIO BROADCAST; BULLETIN SIGN-UP:** 2022 Sign-up is available on the stand outside of the office! This sign-up is for ALL SPONSORSHIPS! Altar flowers are $25 and Organ flowers are $16 each. Radio Broadcasts are $50 per sponsor & $25 per sponsor per bulletin. You can also send a letter with payment into the office or call the office to sign up. Please remember to send payment in for your signed-up slots.

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of February*,* Canned Fruit, Rice (most prefer brown rice), and Canned Beans.

**SOUPER GREAT WORK!** For Souper Bowl Sunday, the Missions Committee counted **91 cans of soup!** We appreciate the generosity of our Congregation! *May God Bless You.*

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE BOXES:** Remaining Envelope boxes are available in the Office.

**OUR SAVIOUR’S ANNUAL MEETING:** A huge thanks to those who stayed after church on Sunday to help us make quorum for the Annual Meeting. We were blessed that everything went smoothly, and excited for what the new year will bring us.

**ADULT ED:** Has begun reading the Book of James, and taking a deeper look into this often-misunderstood book of the Bible. Feel free to join us and discuss in the chapel lounge at 10:15am after Sunday worship.

**2021 END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS:** Please contact the office if you find any issues with your copy!

**EBAY EXPERIENCE?:** Do you have experience with selling items on eBay? Please reach out to Rev.Kevin Mundell or Conrad Winkelman!

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:** Below is the schedule for the Constitution Committee Meeting which will be making edits and revisions to the current copy of the Constitution. These meetings are open for all to attend, and we encourage you to share your opinions.

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**PASTOR’S VACATION:** Pastor Mundell will be leaving for Greece and Turkey on February 25th through March 10th. The Church Council will be able to put you in contact with a minister on call in case of a Pastoral Emergency.

**CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES:** Tom Stellmacher will remain as our Church President, Bob Lueck will continue as our Vice-President, and Buck Kwiatkoske will be our Treasurer. We welcome Dianne Heyn into her new position as Secretary.

**CANCER:** Cancer is the-second leading cause of death worldwide and World Cancer Day was celebrated on February 4th. Cancer is a disease that happens when a normal group of cells changes to an abnormal growth called a tumor, this is true for all cancers except for leukemia, which happens in the blood. The tumors are then divided up into three groups: benign, (not harmful), malignant, (cancerous) or precancerous. If not treated these tumors can spread throughout the body and can negatively affect one or more body system.

 Although some factors cannot be changed, (age, heredity, weakened immune system) almost one-third of cancers could be prevented by certain behaviors including dietary changes. Changeable risk factors include decreasing alcohol, tobacco and being overweight, workplace hazards such as Ionizing radiation and infections from a virus that could cause cell changes making them more likely to become cancerous such as the Hepatitis B and C virus.

 Signs of Cancer may include abnormal lumps, changes in bowel habits, chronic coughing/breathlessness, weight loss, fatigue, night sweats, and or unexpected bleeding. Check with your doctor if you have concerns because early detection of cancer is key to improving the chances of successful treatment outcome.

**“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.” 3 John 1:2**

*Monica Gagnon, Parish Nurse*

*What is Cancer? Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), 2022, World Cancer Day*

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:** Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, 17 unspoken, and all others.

*Please Keep in your Prayers the Family and Friends of*

*Linda Sasada-Francour as they grieve the loss of her Husband.*