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

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Season of Epiphany Jan. 13 & 16, 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

SUNDAY SERVICE: Giving of a gift to help Ripon school district children in need

 Guest Recipient: School Resource Officer Lindsay Michels

GREETING

L: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, the life and light of humanity. Great is God’s love for us. Alleluia!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

P: We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky; and like the Magi, we have come to worship.

ALL: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*HYMN: “Break Forth, O Beauteous” R107/Projected

\*SENTENCES

L: Alleluia. We have seen the star in the East and have come to worship the Ruler of the Jews.

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ’s name. 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: Isaiah 62:1-5

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference.

Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ALL: Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus; yet we confess that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. Showing your love for all peoples, you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, your child. Although we know of this love, we limit our love with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges, denying our connection with all those you love. Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge

but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven.

**P: Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God.**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN: Animated Projected

\*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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Joyful Noise” by Matt Maher Scott St. Puppet Ministry

VISUAL REFLECTION: Our Saviour’s Turkey Dinner 2021 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” with Chris Tomlin Projected

MEDITATION: “The Wine Maker” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” R105/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 sharing your blessings with God’s 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

***ALL: As we learn to adore you in this Epiphany Season, we find ourselves blessed by the changing seasons that remind us of our presence in your life. Accept from us this day these gifts we offer up to you. Make them a blessing through your grace, mercy, and love to all the people that are affected by their use, 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. January 13 9am-12pm Office Hours**

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

**Fri. January 14 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. January 16 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary with**

 **School Resource/Community Liaison Officer Lindsey Michels**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

 **10:15am Altar Guild Meeting**

**Mon. January 17 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:30pm Christian Ed Meeting**

 **6:30pm Evangelism Meeting**

**Tues.**  **January 18 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:30pm Missions Meeting**

**Wed. January 19 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Fifteen**

**Thurs. January 20 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Worship Service**

**Fri. January 21 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. January 23 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Mon. January 24 5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting**

**Wed. January 26**  **5:15pm Confirmation Session Sixteen**

**Thurs. January 27 9:30am Called to Care Meeting**

 **6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. January 30 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 February 6th. On January 2nd, we had 12 participants.

**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.

Both 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

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 – 10 Sunday 9:00-70

Livestream Views: Thursday – 41 Sunday: 88

General Fund: $1692 Capital Improvements: $126 OCWM: $99

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

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** Phil Manthei **Liturgist:** Cal Fischer

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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**LIVE STREAMING:** 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.

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

***Elaine Mortenson,*** *January 16*

**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.

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

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of January, 100% fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, cereal, and rice are the recommended items during this time.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE BOXES:** Available in the East Narthex! Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:** Church Health Services in Beaver Dam has a large amount of medical equipment and supplies which have been donated to them by individuals and organizations. These products are given out free to individuals. If interested just ask me and I will look for your request next time I am there! – Nurse Monica

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Committee annual reports are due in the office by January 25th. Please email the office or leave a printed copy of the report on the office desk to ensure it’s included in our Annual Report!

**OUR SAVIOUR’S ANNUAL MEETING:** Will be held on February 13th, at 10:15am in the Sanctuary. The meeting will be made available via Zoom, with the Annual Report being available to the Congregation on February 2nd.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** On Sunday, January 16th, located in the Conference Room at 10:15am.

**ADULT ED:** Will begin reading the Book of James, and taking a deeper look into often misunderstood book of the Bible.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, 15 unspoken, and all others.

*Keep in your prayers the Family and Friends of Gerald Lee as they grieve his loss.*

*Keep in your prayers the Family and Friends of Carol Wittchow as they grieve her loss.*

**MEDITATION:**

Meditation is an evidence-based practice that can improve both physical and psychological conditions including anxiety, high blood pressure, depression, chronic pain, sleeplessness and even help reduce your risk of heart disease. In addition, some research suggests that meditation may help increase the brain’s ability to process information and slow the damaging thought processes of aging. There are many types of meditation, and it is easy to find books and online classes to teach you how to start a meditation program.

There are several distinct types of meditation including: Compassion (metta or loving-kindness), Insight (Vipassana), Transcendental, Mantra, mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR), relaxation, Tai Chi and more. Prayer can also be a form of meditation. Meditation can be done as simply as sitting in your favorite chair and focusing on your breathing. When your mind wonders as it often does you gently refocus back on your meditation. You then gradually increase the amount of time you are able to focus.

While meditation may help to improve your health, it is not meant as a substitute for medication, medical treatment, healthy eating, physical exercise and/or managing your weight. Instead, it usually increases your drive and focus to achieve better health of mind, body, and soul.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.** Psalm 19:14

Monica Gagnon (Gon-yo), Parish Nurse

*Meditation to Boost Health and Well-being, American Heart Association editorial staff and reviewed by science and medicine advisers. Last reviewed: Aug 10, 2021*