Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Lent Four Mar. 07 & 10, 2024

* All who are able please stand

L: Leader; P: People Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GRFFTING

Prelude

L: Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's love is for all of creation.

P: The vastness of God is for human, animal, soil, and sun, all together as God's beloved.

L: God has not come into the world in Jesus to condemn us.

P: Jesus has come to live God's love in the flesh.

L: While the world is dim with injustice and the feeling of loneliness,

P: it is in Jesus that the light of love illumines our path of friendship.

ALL: Come, let us join our lives with the Friend, whose love is for the whole world. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

R307/Projected

*INVOCATION

ALL: O God who is Friend, the vastness of your love flows through all of creation, and this is cause for rejoicing. For all the harshness and condemnation that we see in the world, you have come to us out of love, compassion, and to save us from ourselves. We acknowledge our belief that you have come to redeem, to heal, to restore, and forgive, not just some of the world, but all of the world. May our worship embody the love and light you bring in Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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: Numbers 21:4-9

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: In every time, prophets and apostles have come to call the people of God to repentance and newness of life. We too are called to admit our sin and to commit ourselves anew to follow in God's way. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy One, we confess there are moments when we desire to see you bring condemnation on others or wish that your love was not for the whole world, but just a few. Like us. But your love is bigger than our limited lenses, broader than our small scope of vision of all that love embodies. Help us to see the world as you do. Help us to love as you do. Release us from our need to condemn and set us free for love. For, it is what you came enfleshed to show us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Jesus has come into the world not to condemn it, but to set us free by love. Know the grace of God surrounds you and keeps you in love now and forever because in Jesus' name, your sin is forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:14-21

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Lord's Prayer: 2nd Petition Projected

From Luther House of Study

Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

*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: "We are Here Lord" David Thompson Sr. Choir

THUR. HYMN: "There is a Fountain" (1772) Projected With Reawaken Hymns

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.

LENTEN VISUAL REFLECTION: "Come and Die" Projected

From TWOTP with Brian Zahnd

MEDITATION: "People loved Darkness" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" R241/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.] L: Today we rejoice in a God who comes to redeem the world through a pouring out of Divine Love. Our rejoicing is offered with the generosity of our energy, our spiritual gifts, and our treasure. We are invited as God's beloved children to express our rejoicing this day through the giving of our gifts in love. May it be so.

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: Thank you, God, for loving us to the very ends of the earth and back. Your willingness to say yes to coming in the flesh to redeem our world through love and no to the powers of oppression has led us to give of ourselves generously this day. Take these gifts and multiply them across this world that you love so extravagantly. 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.	March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary - UCC One Great Hour of		
Sharing				
Mon.	March 11	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice		
		6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting		
Tues.	March 12	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church		
		6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leaders meeting		
Wed.	March 13	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel		
Thur.	March 14	:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice		
		6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel		
Sat.	March 16	Messenger Deadline for April Edition		
		NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS		
Sun.	March 17	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary		
		10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting		
Mon.	March 18	4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting		
		5:30 pm - Christian Ed Committee Meeting		
		6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice		
		6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting		
Tues.	March 19	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist Church		
		6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leaders meeting		
Wed.	March 20	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel		
Thur.	March 21	5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice		
		6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel		
		UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST		
Thurs.	March 28	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service		
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service in the		
		Sanctuary		
Sun.	March 31	7:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary		
		7:45 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall		
		9:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary		
		6:00 pm - Rev. Mundell on vacation through April 8, 2024		



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 Winkleman.



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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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Donald Clausen, March 11, **Patrick Lieske**, March 12, **Katie Mace** and **Deborah Pollack**, March 14

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person: Wednesday: 18 Thursday: 12 Sunday: 81

Livestream Views: Wednesday: 92 Thursday: 88 Sunday: 87

General Fund: \$1,926.00 OCWM: \$239.50 Capital Improvements: \$216.50

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

9:00 AM WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Kelly Mundell Liturgist: Dianne Heyn Musician: Nicole Burdick

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today's special music is "We Are Here Lord" by David Thompson and sung by our Senior Choir.

OSUCC LOGO POLO SHIRT SAMPLES

The sample shirts have arrived! They are in the East Narthex on the clothes rack for you to look at for material and colors. You may try them on to check sizes also. Ladies have the option of a V-neck shirt with a collar or the traditional polo shirt.

There is a green folder containing the order sheet on the stand next to the rack. The shirts are \$23 each, which is a great price for the quality of material and workmanship. Please pay when ordering, you can leave the check/cash in the office or the drop box with a note. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for March are:

Canned proteins, canned beans, 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.

These can be brought to the East Narthex. It is always best to buy canned items with a pull-tab for ease of opening and avoid glass containers whenever possible. Thank you to all who have already donated this month!



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Bob Schouten, Edna Schwandt, 23 Unspoken, and all others.

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **bulletin** or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, please email the office or drop off by **Tuesday at 11am**.

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **April Messenger** should be emailed to the office or dropped off at church by Saturday, **March 16**th. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VENEZUELAN REFUGEES

We're still collecting so if you are interested in helping, the most needed items are new or slightly used winter gloves; new or slightly used winter coats infant to medium adult in size; new or slightly used pajamas infant to medium adult in size; new diapers sizes 0-6; new underwear sizes 2T up to adult medium.





FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Can fluctuating weather make you sick? The answer is yes! Shifts in weather cause changes in air pressure which can lead to joint pain, sinus pressure, headaches, and even weakened immunity.

It also leads plants to release pollen and other bacteria and fungi which put people at greater risk for allergy and sinus problems. It can take up to 2 weeks for your body to normalize to changes in weather. In the meantime, to help treat these issues you can use natural treatments (hydration, honey or lemon, chicken soup, rest, humidifiers, warm compresses or baths). You can also use OTC methods (lozenges, anti-allergy medications, nasal sprays, vapor rub) but check with your doctor or pharmacist before using any additional OTC remedies to ensure they won't react with your current prescription medications.

If your symptoms continue to worsen or if they last longer than 2 weeks call your doctor as this may be a sign of something other than weather change sickness.