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

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Season of Epiphany Jan. 20 & 23, 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: This day is holy to the Lord your God.

**P: Let us come ready to see, hear, and touch the Word of God.**

L: Do not mourn or weep, and do not be grieved.

**P: How can we be sad when we can experience God’s Word and know God’s love through our worship together?**

***All: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Let us come together to worship the God of joy, strength, and love.***

\*HYMN: “Love Came Down at Christmas” B165/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: O God, who gives us strength when we feel weak, we gather to hear your Word, sing your songs, and give you praise. We know that you are always with us, and we are grateful. Help us to live our lives in ways that show you are near. Thank you for your presence and constant care for us - in worship, and in each day of our lives. 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: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 19

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, we recall the times when your Word feels distant, and when we forget how much you love us. We let our egos take hold, and we treat others as threats to our sense of self. We forget your words of comfort, love, and care. We forget to look to your Word for guidance. We forget that you are our ultimate source of joy. Forgive us, O God.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: The Holy One’s instruction is perfect, reviving one’s very being. God’s laws are faithful, making naive people wise. God’s regulations are right, gladdening the heart. God’s commands are pure, giving light to the eyes. Know that you are loved and forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN: Projected

A visual telling of the Gospel story

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed 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: “The Jesus Fish” 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: “Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah” Projected

With We The Kingdom

MEDITATION: “God has arranged” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “O Morning Star, How Bright and Clear” B158/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: We share from what we have and from who we are as a sign of our desire to bring good news to the poor. May these gifts bring light to those in need, and put the joy of the Lord in their 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: O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor. Bless our gifts and bless us as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those who are unknown to us, and to those who are near and beloved. 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 20 9am-12pm Office Hours**

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

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

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

**10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**Mon. January 24 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**5:30pm Worship Meeting**

**Tues.**  **January 25 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**5:30pm Missions Meeting**

**Wed. January 26 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**5:15pm Confirmation Session Sixteen**

**Thurs. January 27 9am-12pm Office Hours**

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

**6:30pm Worship Service**

**Fri. January 28 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. January 30 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

**10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. February 2 5:15pm Session Seventeen**

**Thurs. February 3 6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary with Communion**

**Sun. February 6 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary with Communion**

**10:15am Christian Ed Classes – No Adult Ed**

**10:30am Drive Thru Communion**

**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 – 13 Sunday 9:00-54

Livestream Views: Thursday – 70 Sunday: 88

General Fund: $3191 Capital Improvements: $234 OCWM: $260

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:** Sandy 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.

**Today’s Bulletin: In Honor of Riley & Elsie Mincy**

**Today’s Radio: In Honor of Riley & Elsie Mincy**

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

***Sandy Krueger,*** *January 21,* ***Kerry Respalje,*** *January 21,* ***Jon Badtke Jr****, January 23,*

***Jeffery Mueller,*** *January 23,* ***Dorothy Baird,*** *January 24,* ***Laurie Cluppert****, January 24,*

***Robert Kwiatkowski,*** *January 24,* ***Linda Winkler*,** January 24,

***Norman Koplin****, January 26,* ***Marilyn Patrick,*** *January 26*

**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.

**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:** On Sunday, February 13th, at 10:15am in the Sanctuary. We will have a Zoom option available, which you can request the link from the Church Office. Virtually viewing the Meeting will allow you to attend from a computer, tablet, or phone at 10:15am on February 13th. The Annual Report will be available in print and digital form in the office February 2nd. If you’re interested in having an Annual Report emailed to you, please reach out to the office. If you’re available to attend, we would greatly appreciate seeing you there! We must meet quorum in order to conduct church business and approve our budget for 2022. Thank you for being a part of God’s ministry in and through Our Saviour’s Church.

**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.

**GLAUCOMA:** Glaucoma is a disease that damages the optic nerve in your eye. Normally the optic nerve carries information from the eye to the brain, enabling you to see clearly. Glaucoma occurs when the fluid builds up in your eye, raising your eyes pressure. This rise in tension gradually damages the millions of fibers that make up the optic nerve. Anyone can get glaucoma but those most at risk are African Americans over age 40, individuals over the age 60, those with a family history of glaucoma, and people with diabetes. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the US and has no early signs which ais why about half the people with glaucoma do not know they have it. There is no cure for glaucoma yet but, medication like eye drops or surgery may slow down or prevent further vision loss. The best way to protect yourself from glaucoma is to get a complete eye exam. Then, if you have glaucoma, treatment can begin immediately.

**“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light”** Matthew 6:22

Monica Gagnon (Gon-yo), Parish Nurse

*https://www.teamsterscare.com/january-2022-is-glaucoma-awareness-month*

*www.glaucoma.org; Last reviewed January 12, 2021*

*National Eye Institute, https://www nih.gov/learn-about eye-health*

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