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

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Season of Lent Mar. 31, 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: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.
**P: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**
L: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.
**P: Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**L: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.
**P: Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.**

\*HYMN: “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” R276/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: Holy One, we rejoice in your presence. We acknowledge that you have done great things in our history, in our present, and in our future. Our hope rests in you. We rejoice in confidence that you abide in our dry spaces and in our flowing streams. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your way. In our worship, part our lips in praise, open our hearts in love, and quench our spirits in worship. 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 43:16-21

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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: Righteous God, you made us in your divine image and yet we often turn to the gazes of others to see ourselves. We yield to the temptation of comparison and measure ourselves according to standards not made for us. You declared us good, and we question your judgment. We turn from your truth and receive the lies of the enemy of our souls that devalue and condemn even though your grace is sufficient for us. Mend the brokenness within us. Fortify us with your love, hope, and vision. Shield us from stagnation and despair. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Therefore, our God of grace sees us fully, knows us fully, and loves us fully. May our eyes be ever opened to see ourselves as God sees us and restore our souls.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philippians 3:4b-14

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:1-8

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN Projected

 A visual telling of the Gospel story

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “Apostle’s Creed” (Old 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**

A VISUAL REFLECTION: Don’t Be Afraid Of The Dark Film Series Projected

 “Holy Communion” by The Work of the People

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: “How Deep the Father’s Love” with Fernando Ortega Projected

MEDITATION: “Knowing Christ Jesus” Rev. Kevin Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: In the gospel reading, we find a story of abundant generosity. Let us be like Mary who did not count the cost of the blessing she shared but only sought the good, purpose, and reward of her gift. Let us not hesitate to pour what we have out in order to touch lives, comfort and console, and meet the needs we encounter in our community and our 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: Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your kingdom. Amen.***

HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” VS 1&2 R210/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

\*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. March 31 9am-12pm Office Hours**

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

**Fri. April 1 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. April 3 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes; Benjamin Cloyd at Sunday School!**

**Mon. April 4 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Tues.**  **April 5 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. April 6 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Twenty-Six**

 **6:30pm Lent Worship Service**

**Thurs. April 7 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Worship Service**

**Fri. April 8 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. April 10 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **4:00pm Community Learning Event:**

 ***Rev.Mundell and Kelly Mundell – Greece and Turkey Trip***

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. April 13 5:15pm Confirmation Session – Working on Faith Statements**

**Thurs. April 14 6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. April 17 7:00am Easter Worship**

 **7:45am Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall**

 **9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

**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 April 3. On March 6th, 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, along with Advent Mid-Week Services in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. 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 Saviour’s 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: Wednesday 6:30 – 20 Thursday 6:30 – 15 Sunday 9:00- 47

Livestream Views: Wednesday - 42 Thursday – 42 Sunday: 32

General Fund: $1503 Capital Improvements: $104 OCWM: $72

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

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** John Kwiatkoske **Liturgist:** Audrey Cluppert

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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

***David Dolske,*** *April 2,* ***Kelly Mundell****, April 2,*

***Boni Jensen,*** *April 3,* ***Ruby Brunet****, April 8,* ***David Cluppert,*** *April 8*

**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 March*,* Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, and Beans; Non-food items include Diapers, Baby wipes, Formula and Baby Food, and personal products.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:** During the Season of Lent, we will continue our Wednesday evening mid-week Lenten service at 6:30pm. The services will be about 30-40 minutes in length and will be live streamed on our social media. Rev. Mundell will continue our focus on four of the key beliefs that shaped the protestant reformation. Word Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, and Faith Alone; all were key pillars for all the strands of the Christian church that emerged from the Reformation five-hundred years ago.

**EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** On April 17th, we will be holding a 7AM Easter Worship Service, with breakfast being offered from 7:45AM-8:30AM Breakfast. We are also offering a 9AM Worship Service as well!

**COMMUNITY LEARNING EVENTS:** On April 10th at 4PM in the Sanctuary, Rev.Mundell and Kelly Mundell will be presenting their trip to Greece and Turkey. Both of these events will be livestreamed to our Facebook and Youtube, but feel free to join us in person.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**: Our Saviour’s United Church of Christ has scholarships available to high school

students who are going on to College or Technical School next year. Applications are available

in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 920-748-2544

or the Scholarship Committee members - Rick Stracy, Jeremy Schouten, Kathy Schieler or

Mary Schultz. Application deadline has been extended to April 15, 2022.

**RIPON AREA VBS:** Mark your calendars – VBS begins July 31st-August 4th and will be held at United Methodist Church. The VBS coordinators are seeking more volunteers to help – If interested, please reach out to Ricky or Debbie Prellwitz, or Heidi Schwanke. More information will come so be on the look out in the bulletin for VBS news!

**LOOKING FOR VOICES:** The Grace Lutheran Choir director is looking for members to join an Ecumenical Choir group to sing during Good Friday. If you’re interested in joining, reach out to William Louis-Brux at 920-463-0408.

**DEMENTIA:** Dementia is the seventh leading cause of death and a major cause of dependency and disability among older adults globally. And if needed, the cost of institutionalizing someone with dementia runs about $100,000 more than someone without it in their last 5 last years of life. The other factor to consider is the toll dementia takes on the caregiver at home, if not placed in a long-term care facility, (LTC facility). This is immeasurable. Being aware of the different disease stages of this illness well in advance can help prepare for care and quality of end- of- life issues for both the caregiver and the person with advanced dementia.

STAGES OF DEMENTIA

Early stage: This is often overlooked because the onset is gradual.

* forgetfulness
* losing track of time
* becoming lost in familiar places.

Middle stage: The signs and symptoms become clearer and may include:

* Forgetfulness of recent events and people’s names
* Confusion while at home
* Increasing difficulty with communication
* Needing help with personal care
* Behavioral changes, including wandering and repeated questioning

Late stage: Physical signs and symptoms become more obvious and may include:

* becoming unaware of the time and place
* difficulty recognizing relatives and friends
* increased need for assisted self-care
* difficulty walking
* behavior changes that may escalate and include aggression
* serious memory disturbances
* near-total dependence and inactivity

*Monica Gagnon, Parish Nurse*

*Palliative care for patients with advanced dementia, Ramiro O. Navia, MD, and Lori A. Constantine, DNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN, Nursing 2022, March*

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

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

Please Keep in your prayers the Family and Friends of Bill Waltenberry as they grieve his loss.

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