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

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

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: When the world seems scary and when we try to escape and hide, the Holy invites us to confront fear that we may find Hope.

(Light candle of Hope)

ALL: ***Where in the world do, we find Hope these days?***

ADVENT VISUAL REFLECTION: Hope by RockPointe Church

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Emmanuel! God with us!

**P: Incarnate one! Embodied one!**

L: Crying one! Bleeding one!

**P: At-table one! Loving one!**

L: Hand-in-the-wounds one!

**P: Signs-in-the-moon one!**

L: Hear our plea!

***ALL: Come! Be here now.***

\*HYMN: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” R86/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: Come into our midst, O Holy One, Rider of the Clouds of Heaven, Surprising answer to heartfelt prayer. In whatever way you choose—  
Come. Shake us up. Help us find you at work in our lives showing the way 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 25:1-10

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: John the Baptist called people to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of God’s reign. Let us, too, repent, that we may be ready for God who comes to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God of wholeness, let us not be put to shame. Some of us live with shame every day in our bodies, in our hearts, in our self-images, self-esteem, and self-regard.

**P: Have mercy.**

L: Others of us have afflicted our siblings with shame by our racism, by our ableism, by our sexism, heterosexism, and cissexism.

**P: Have mercy.**

L: You instruct both sinners and the upright in your ways, Sovereign one. Teach us, that some of us may be free, and some of us may learn to be free of fault.

***ALL: Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: The God of unlimited compassion will strengthen your hearts in holiness

that you may be blameless and whole before our God and Parent at the coming of our brother Jesus in whom your sins are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:25-36

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

“What is Advent” Projected

\*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**

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: “When Hope Came Down” by Kari Jobe Projected

MEDITATION: “My Words Will Not Pass Away” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Lift Up Your Heads” R76/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: The earth distresses. Nations are confused. The power structures we’ve grown accustomed to are being shaken. And we will not be shaken. We will look up. And be children of the God of Mercy. Let us give of what we have accordingly.

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: The day of redemption draws near for all who labor but do not eat, for all who are hated for how they love. For all who live with a sense of foreboding, wondering what injury will be inflicted on them. We offer these gifts as a taste of the world to come. 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. November 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sun. November 28 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary**

**10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**Mon. November 29 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Tues.**  **November 30 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. December 1 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**5:15pm Confirmation Session Ten**

**Thurs. December 2 6:30pm Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion**

**Fri. December 3 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. December 5 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary with Communion**

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

**10:30am Drive Thru Communion under Carport**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. December 8 5:15pm Confirmation Session Eleven**

**Thurs. December 9**  **6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. December 10 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 December 5th. We had 10 participants at our last drive-thru communion on Nov 7th.

**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: Mon-Friday. 9-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**:

Attendance: Thursday 6:30 – 16 Sunday 9:00 - 50

Total Livestream Views: Thursday – 45 Sunday – 64

General Fund: $2836 Capital Improvements: $92 OCWM: $210

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:** Confirmand

**Organist:** Craig Bowden

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

***Carol Prellwitz,*** *November 29th,* ***Martin Tubbs,*** *December 2,* ***Mary Ann Waltenberry,*** *December 3,* ***Bob Lueck,*** *December 4,* ***Richard Stracy,*** *December 4*

**ALTAR & ORGAN FLOWERS; RADIO BROADCAST; BULLETIN SIGN-UP:** 2021 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.

**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.

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

**HARVEST IN-GATHERING:** After officially counting, we gathered 452 food items to be divided between the two-largest food pantries in Ripon. Thank you so much to those who generously gave and the Sunday School Students and their chaperones who went shopping.

**COMMUNITY MEAL HELP:** In Ripon, there are two free evening meals a month, the second Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church and the fourth Tuesday at First Congregation. We have been asked if we think we could host a community meal; either the first or third Tuesday of each month. At this point, it would be a sack lunch/meal that we would prepare beforehand in the kitchen and have ready to go. What we are looking for is to see if there would be enough volunteers to make this happen once a month. Please let Missions Committee, Rev.Mundell, or Conrad Winkelman know if you would be willing to help.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Thank you to those who filled a box! Missions Committee is still finishing up the project, and we will release some how many boxes were filled once we know!

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of November, Canned Ravioli or Pasta Meals are the recommended items to be donated.

**DECORATION SATURDAY:** It was such a fun time to spend with other church members, and decorate our church. Thank you to those who helped on Saturday making the church more festive… especially to those who climbed to great heights to get the perfect decoration in place!

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE BOXES:** For Pledge Sheets and Time & Talent Sheets - Now available at the back of the sanctuary, and both entrances with bulletins. (Also available in the Church Office during office hours!)

**RED POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Order forms for Red Poinsettias are available in the East Narthex and outside the office on the information table. Each Poinsettia is $12. Due to availability issues, we will need to have orders submitted by **December 3rd at NOON.**

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday December 23rd at 6:30pm** – Blue Christmas Service with First Congregational Church and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

**December 24th at 4:00pm and 10:30pm –** Christmas Eve Services with Communion and Candle lighting at each service.

**Sunday, December 26th** - Christmas Service at 9:00am.

**PREVENTING PNEUMONIA:** November 12th was World Pneumonia Day. Every year this lung infection causes more than 1 million hospitalizations and over 50,000 deaths in the US. The most common cause of pneumonia is the influenza virus (FLU), but COVID-19 infections can also lead to pneumonia. Pneumococcal disease is common in young children; however older adults are at greatest risk of serious illness and death. Early signs of this ailment are a cough which may produce sputum, sweating and fever, shortness of breath, pain with deep breathing, low energy, fatigue, and loss of appetite. The Center for Disease Center recommends pneumococcal vaccine for all children younger than 2 years old and all adults 65 years or older. Pneumonia is a lung disease which can both be spread like COVID-19 and also be prevented using the same precautions as with COVID-19 – hand washing/hand sanitizing, distancing, and covering our coughs/sneezing.

***Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*** *(Psalm 150:6 ESV)*

*Monica Gagnon, (Gon-yo), Parish Nurse, Our Saviour’s UCC, Ripon*

*Michelle Gibeault Traub, dietitian and health writer, American Legion Magazine*

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, Audrey Cluppert’s Brother, Roy Gomoll, Emma Mace, Kent Schwanke, Hank Grams, 14 unspoken, and all others.