**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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Where are the teachers in our midst who will guide us as we learn?

**P: We follow Christ’s example and learn from one another!**

L: Where are Jesus’ disciples, who thirst to know God’s ways?

**P: We follow Christ’s example and learn from one another!**

L: Our church school is this sacred space, and our classroom is the world.

**P: We follow Christ’s example and learn from one another!**

L: Thanks be to God for new beginnings, for new opportunities to learn together!

**P: We follow Christ’s example and learn from one another!**

\*HYMN: “Morning has Broken” R29/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Spirit of the Living God”

**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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 146

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Leader: Rabbi, Teacher Jesus, you who taught thousands and yet were willing to learn from the least of these, we confess that we pretend to know when in truth we still wonder.

**P: Forgive our pretense, that we may open ourselves to unexpected teachers, to fresh ideas, to one another, to you.**

L: Vulnerable Christ, you who lived in generous love, we confess that we have closed ourselves off, that we have seen so much suffering that we stop looking
Rather than see and respond to those in need.

**P: Forgive our neglect that we may care for one another and follow in the example you set for us. In your name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you all the forgiveness of your sins.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: James 2:1-10, 14-17

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH CHILDREN

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “Apostle’s Creed (older version)” 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: “Marks of a healthy Church: Good News” 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: “Nailed to the Cross” -Rend Collective Projected

MEDITATION: “Living Faith” Rev. Kevin Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.” Let us celebrate our blessings with generosity as we collect the offering
for the work and worship of this congregation which is part of Christ’s one church.

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: Generous God, you have made rich and poor, powerful and vulnerable alike in your image. Bless the gifts we have gathered today that we may use them to protect the afflicted and bring greater justice to your world. 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**

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

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

**Mon. September 6 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

**Tues.**  **September 7 Office open 9-Noon**

**Wed. September 8 Office open 9-Noon**

**Thurs. September 9 Office open 9-Noon**

 **6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Fri. September 10 Office open 9-Noon**

**Sun. September 12 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **KICK OFF SUNDAY WITH CHRISTIAN ED!**

 **10:15am Adult Ed in the Chapel**

 **10:15am Sunday School**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Mon. September 13 6:30pm Church Council Meeting**

**Thurs. September 16 6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. September 19 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Sunday School**

 **10:15am Adult Ed**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If any of your contact information changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** The Church Council and Rev. Mundell have decided that Drive thru communion will continue through December, and then be reevaluated. During our Drive-Thru communion on August 1st, we had 13 participants. Thursday and Sunday worship will continue as we have a significant amount of people participating both in-person and live-streaming at both services.

**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.

**VAN SERVICE:** Now available! Call the Church Office before Noon on Friday to ensure your name is on the list to be picked up for the following Sunday.

**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 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.**

 Primary Worship Service is 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

**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell revdrmundell@me.com 920-385-8990

**Parish Nurse Starting Early September**

**Admin. Assistant** Conrad Winkelman winkelmanc@ripon.edu or osuccripon1@gmail.com 920-748-2544

**Custodian** Rick Stracy rlstracy@gmail.com 920-229-1367

**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 – 15 Sunday 9:00 - 43

Total Livestream Views: Thursday – 375\* Sunday – 70

General Fund: $1743 Capital Improvements: $156 OCWM: $147

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

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:**  Bob Meyer **Liturgist:** Rick Stracy

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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

***Mary Albright,*** *September 5,* ***Carol Wittchow****, September 6,* ***Kathryn Schieler,*** *September 7,*

***Sharon Sauerbrei,*** *September 9,* ***JoAnn Felton,*** *September 10,*

***Beverly Garro****, September 10,* ***Thomas Schuster,*** *September 10*

**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.

\*Conrad is working with our Evangelism committee to do some experiments with our social media, especially with our Facebook page. Evangelism switched their budget to be more focused on digital advertising than print. Conrad is in the process of using digital advertising to push two Thursday Worship service and two Sunday worship services. The numbers are not perfect but reflect people who watched part or all of a service as a result of our push. What is interesting to watch is that we are now reaching people all over the country, Texas and California having the most viewers and we even have some viewers in southern Denmark.

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

**COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE:** The CDC has adjusted some of their guidelines that affect us as a church. If you are fully vaccinated and more than two weeks pass, you can return to normal. If you’re not vaccinated, it is still recommended to wear a mask and maintain 3ft. social distancing. We trust you to make wise decisions for the safety of our community and for your own personal safety.

**AED TRAINING:** If you’re interested in becoming AED trained and certified, please reach out to Dianne Heyn (contact information below), or the church office.

***CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS CONTACT INFO:***

Tom Stellmacher – President 920-896-2679 Bob Lueck – Vice President 920-858-0125

Heidi Schwanke – Secretary 920-229-7853 Phil Manthei – Treasurer 920-369-8237

Judy Heitman 920-219-9941 Dianne Heyn 319-660-0950

Ricky Prellwitz 920-229-5994 Patti Schaalma 920-460-2923

**WORSHIP HYMNALS:** If you are worshipping at home via our social media or radio broadcast and would like a copy of our Red and Black hymnals, we have plenty of extras on hand. Shipping would be too expensive, but you have someone who can come by the office during office hours, Conrad could get you a set of each so that you have can that at home to follow along with during worship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP:** We need help with Sunday school. We need some more teachers and

assistants for the teacher to work with our children. We are trying to have teams of teachers so

that the teachers only teach a couple of times per month. If you are able and willing to teach or

assist, we could use your help. Let Jackie Bogucke, Judy Heitman, or Rev. Mundell know.

**KICK OFF SUNDAY:** September 12th with classes for all ages starting after Worship from 10:15am till

11:15am.

**2021 GIVING STATEMENT:** If you would like a six-month giving statement, please contact the office and Conrad will print one out for you, or mail it.

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of September, Canned Fruit and Vegetables are the recommended food items to be donated.

**PARISH NURSE UPDATE:** We have found a new Parish Nurse! We are hoping that she will be able to start sometime in September. She will be starting slowly, as she will have very little parish nurse training to start, but will be getting trained over the first six months on the job. Once the details are set in place, we will update everyone and introduce her to the congregation.

**CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:** Richard J. Foster, in his Christian classic, “Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth” gives us twelve of the most popular Christian spiritual disciplines to help us grow closer to God. He divides them into three groups, inward focused growth, outward focused growth, and corporate focused growth. I want to share with you the second of these from the outward focused growth called solitude.

 Solitude is about spending time away from all distractions to focus on God and at times simply being still. It is about shutting off your internet access, all media, getting away from work and family demands and being still by yourself so that the only one with you is God. For some it is a time of intentional listening. For some it is a time for being still and not being driven by life’s demands and the consequences of choice we have made. You can spend time in solitude at home or away. The focus is to create more space for God to be present with you.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Barb Schultz, Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, Audrey Cluppert’s Brother, Roy Gomoll, Linda Rabe, Bob Krueger, 16 unspoken, and all others.