

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Season

April 24, 2025

* *All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What if we told you we come to this sanctuary because there is no safety behind locked doors.

P: Jesus speaks peace among us. We do not carry this all alone.

L: What if we told you we gather together to remember that fear can't keep love from showing up.

P: Jesus breathes the spirit among us. We do not carry this all alone.

L: What if we told you worship is a place where we touch the wounds this world makes in us.

P: Jesus reaches out his hands to us. We do not carry this all alone.

L: What if we told you we join our hearts in prayer and praise to practice moving disbelief toward recognition.

P: Jesus tells truths among us. We do not carry this all alone.

L: What if it was all true?

P: My Lord and my God! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*HYMN: "Thine is the Glory"

R139/Projected

*INVOCATION

ALL: In the midst of our overwhelm and fear, Tender God, we do not expect to meet you. Yet you are here, among us, holding out your hands to us, breathing Spirit over us, showing us again and again that nothing can separate us from you. Surround us with your peace in this moment, Jesus; let our fears rest in you. 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: Acts 5:27-32

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 18:14-29

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Revelation 1:4-8

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Symbols of Easter" Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed (UC of Canada) 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: "O Radiant Light" featuring Chris Erdman Projected
From TWOTP

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.

HYMN: "Living Hope" with Bethel Music

Projected

MEDITATION: "Blessed"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

R25/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: We hold many gifts in our hearts and minds. As we sense your presence surrounding us, may we discern ways to use our talents and treasures for the health of God's realm as we hope for Christ's return.

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: With gratitude we pray: Holy God, Holy Light even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us. Even in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make your presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this world. May the gifts we share today, and each day hereafter create a Church of grace and a Community of love. 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



We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please 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 let the Church Office know.



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is 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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**Carroll Schilf and Maverick Towne Apr 27, Tara Koller and Lawrence Retzlaff May 1,
Laurie Stemler May 5, Noah Borgardt May 7**

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Maundy Thursday:	In-Person: 35	Livestream: 203	Total: 238
Sunday Sunrise:	In-Person: 61	Livestream: 135	Total: 196
Sunday Late:	In-Person: 113	Livestream: 148	Total: 261

General Fund: \$4,717.50 OCWM: \$522.50 Capital Improvements: \$930.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

CORRECTION TO THE EASTER BULLETIN INSERT

Our sincere apologies to Linda Nuenenfeldt, who was inadvertently left off the bulletin insert for the Spring Easter Flowers. Linda gave flowers in Memory of Loved Ones.

OSUCC LOGO LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS

The Evangelism Committee will have two different types of long sleeved T-shirts in a selection of colors with our Church logo embroidered on them for sale in the East Narthex today. There is an option to add the letters OSUCC in screen print on one sleeve for an additional \$5.

One type is a light weight long sleeved T-shirt Hoodie, men and women sizes for \$24, and the other is a crew neck long sleeved T-shirt in Unisex sizes for \$32. Check them out and place your order by May 10th, please. Thank you!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It's photo time! Call or email the Church office (osuccripon1@gmail.com) to set up your time, Monday - Thursday 10:00 am till 2:00 pm, or Sundays after worship service from 10:15 am till 11:30 am. Committees and groups will be contacted to set up times.

Oh, and come prepared-- you'll need to have a joke ready to tell the photographer!

If you would prefer to send in a current candid photo that is not copyrighted, you can email that to the church office at osuccripon1@gmail.com or drop it off during office hours. We'll be sure to return any photos that are dropped off.

APRIL IS UNDIE SUNDAY MONTH

April 27th is our final “Undie Sunday” of the month! This is a Sunday that you don’t come to church in just your undies, but instead you bring in packages of new undies and socks for Elementary school girls and boys, sizes 5T - 14. Thank you for your generosity with this project!

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Thursday, May 1st, Pastor Wes Wassell will be filling in for Pastor Mundell at our worship service in the Chapel.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning May 1st, the church office will be operating on Summer Hours, which will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am until Noon.

If you have anything to drop off after hours, there is a drop box adjacent to the office door or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex vestibule if all the outside doors are locked.

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We currently provide donations to the Ripon Area Food Pantry, located at St. Catherine’s, and the Community Food Pantry, located at Traded Treasures. The items you donate are divided between the two pantries.



Suggested items for April are:

Peanut butter; oatmeal; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; baking soda; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; salad dressings; BBQ sauce; mustard. toilet paper; paper towels; tissues; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; bath soap; laundry soap; fabric softener; and antibacterial multi-surface liquid cleaners in plastic bottles.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Chris Wiegand, the family and friends of Jim Clausen, and 10 Unspoken.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 24 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Apr. 27 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - [UCCI Camp Sunday](#)
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Confirmands Presentation of Faith Statements in the Chapel
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack Meeting
- Mon. April 28 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Apr. 29 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at St. Catherine of Siena
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. May 1 [OSUCC Office Summer Hours Begin this week](#)
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. May 4 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - [Confirmation Sunday](#)
10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
10:15 am - Sunday School
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
- Mon. May 5 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. May 6 [Office Closed for Summer Hours](#)
5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.

