

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Church Propers

October 23 & 26, 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: God moves with us throughout this earth and nurtures the soil,

P: Our neighbors are awed by God's works.

L: God's river flows with water, and the fields are blessed by the Spirit,

P: Our neighbors are awed by God's gifts.

L: God's wilderness fields overflow with joy.

P: Our neighbors are awed by God's grace.

***HYMN: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

R88/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: God of Love, Divine Friend, our hearts are open to you. If a thought crosses our minds, you are present and are ready to hold it for us. There is no emotion radiating from our souls that is too heavy or painful for you. Your Spirit encourages us as we seek to find where you are building your Realm here on earth. May we work side-by-side, co-creating a world of possibilities where all experience your love and joy. 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: Joel 2:23-32

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 65

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: God of the Mountains and Canyons, the range of emotions that wash through us are often triggers for the ways we hold ourselves. At times, we seek humility but often find ourselves believing we do not deserve your love. Other times, as we search for confidence, we believe we are your favorites and find ourselves in moments of comparison, contrast, and

judgment. Are we better than our neighbors? How can we relate to siblings in Christ when their lives are not like ours and they stand out when visiting our spaces? We are misguided as we give thanks that our lives are not as chaotic and unkempt as theirs. Yet you ask us to seek humility and know that each of your children are loved equally. Help us to extend mercy to our neighbors and fill their minds with words of encouragement. May each of us know our value in your Realm and experience your love in its fullness. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:9-14

A TIME OF LEARNING: "What Does it Mean to be Humble?" Projected

SUN. SPECIAL MUSIC: "Amazing Grace" With the Sunday School Performers,
Reid Mueller, Recorder Soloist

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed (United Church 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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In honor of Rev. Dieter Tometten, we have Our Saviour's 1989 Senior Choir singing the Lord's Prayer

HYMN: "Take Thou My Hand, O Father" Insert/Projected

MEDITATION: "Contempt, Judgment, or Humility?" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Come, Ye Faithful People Come" R42/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: We are given holy opportunities to share our gifts no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey. May we embrace joy instead of judgment as we discern where God is calling us to utilize our gifts.

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: Holy God, Source of Goodness and Grace, we thank you today for all you have given to us. When we bear more power and privilege, we are called to share more of our talents, time, and treasures. In our efforts to seek humility and balance, may we soberly evaluate our gifts and understand the healthiest ways to apportion them to strengthen your Realm and love your children. Amen.

A Blessing from our 1989 Senior Choir

“May the Good Lord Bless You and Keep You.”

*BENEDICTION

L: May God's face shine upon us; may Christ's peace rule among us; may the Spirit's fire burn within us, as we scatter into the world until we meet again.

P: Amen.

*Postlude

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SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE 7.4.74.D.

Julie Katharina Hausmann, 1882

So nimm denn meine Hände

Tr. Herman Brückner, d. 1942

Friedrich Silcher, 1842

1 Take Thou my hand, O Fa - ther, And lead Thou me, Un - til my
 2 O cov - er with Thy mer - cy My poor, weak heart! Let ev - ery
 3 Though naught of Thy great pow - er May move my soul, With Thee through

jour - ney end - eth, E - ter - nal - ly. A - lone I will not wan - der
 thought re - bel - lious From me de - part. Per - mit Thy child to lin - ger
 night and dark - ness I reach the goal. Take, then, my hands, O Fa - ther,

One sin - gle day; Be Thou my true com - pan - ion And with me stay.
 Here at Thy feet, And blind - ly trust Thy good - ness With faith com - plete.
 And lead Thou me Un - til my jour - ney end - eth E - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

1 So nimm denn meine Hände
 und führe mich
 bis an mein selig Ende
 und ewiglich!
 Ich kann allein nicht gehen,
 nicht einen Schritt;
 wo du wirst gehn und stehen,
 da nimm mich mit.

2 In deine Gnade hülle
 mein schwaches Herz,
 und mach es endlich stille
 in Freud und Schmerz.
 Lass ruhn zu deinen Füßen
 dein schwaches Kind;
 es will die Augen schliessen
 und folgen blind.

3 Wenn ich auch gar nichts fühle
 von deiner Macht,
 du bringst mich doch zum Ziele
 auch durch die Nacht.
 So nimm denn meine Hände
 und führe mich
 bis an mein selig Ende
 und ewiglich!



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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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, 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, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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Brian Badtke Oct 23, **Cameron Hahn, Arlene Koller, and Robert Meyer** Oct 24, **Susan Wrzinski** Oct 26, **Hunter Auchtung and Amber Reimer,** Oct 27, **Barb Dahlke** Oct. 28

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 10	Livestream: 156	Total: 166
Sunday :	In-Person: 62	Livestream: 177	Total: 239

General Fund: \$3,356.00 OCWM: \$111.50 Capital Improvements: \$135.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio/Visual: John Kwiatkoske/Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

BULLETIN SPONSOR

The bulletin this week is given in Memory of Dick Mlodzik by Bev Mlodzik.

REV. DIETER TOMETTEN VISIT

Rev. Dieter Tometten and Ute, his wife, are visiting the US in October and will be joining us at our Sunday, Oct. 26th worship service. He was our exchange pastor for part of the year in 1986.

Please visit with Rev. Dieter and Ute during coffee hour following the service. There will be picture boards set up so if you have any photos you would like to share, please bring them along for all to enjoy. Thank you, Kathy Lang, for everything you’ve done for this visit!

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Next Thursday, October 30th, and Sunday, November 2nd, is our All Saints Remembrance, a time during the worship service when we recognize all of our members who have passed away since November 2024, and who are forever in our hearts and memories.



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: *Jim Badtke, Sharri Dailey, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Joe Wrzinski, and 16 Unspoken.*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

It's that time of the year again that none of us are truly all that fond of. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1st. Otherwise, there could be confusion at your house on Sunday morning!

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



Suggested items for October are: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc. (used in emergency food bags); boxed cereals; protein bars; breakfast shakes; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, chili; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; mustard; ketchup; salad dressing. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

MESSAGE FROM REV. DIETER TOMETTEN

Hallo, my wife Ute and I are visiting friends in Ripon from the 23rd through the 26th of October. We are happy to join you for worship on Sunday 26th.

From January until May 1986 we had the unforgettable chance to be in your congregation in a pastoral exchange with Rev. James D. Mohr and his family, who took over our place in the Erlösergemeinde Münster, Germany. I served together with Rev. Harley Tretow. We lived in the parsonage next to the church and had the great opportunity to make many friends in Our Saviour's UCC and also in Ripon.

Several years of mutual exchange and travels followed involving the senior choir and the youth of both congregations. With this personal experience I was elected as the pastor of the German-speaking Lutheran Congregation in Geneva, Switzerland (1991-2000).

Again in Germany I served as a pastor in Dortmund and was elected as the district minister (Superintendent) of the Kirchenkreis Soest-Arnsberg, where I retired from in 2020. My wife, Ute, worked as a schoolteacher and was principal of the Max-Planck-Gymnasium for 13 years before she retired last year.

The oldest of our three sons, Christoph, joined us as a baby for the exchange in 1986. With him and his two brothers, Lukas and Mathis, we have been able to maintain the contact with Ripon and the Mohrs, in Neillsville, since then. So we are glad to come back to "our church" of that time again.

We are looking forward to visiting with you.

Sincerely, Dieter Tometten

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Oct 23 9:00 am - noon - Mind, Body and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Sr. Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sat. Oct. 25 **23rd Annual Turkey Dinner - 11 am - 1 pm; 4 pm - 7 pm**
- Sun. Oct 26 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Oct 27 6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppets
- Tues. Oct 28 **5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, 1st Congregational Church**
6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Oct 30 9:00 am - noon - Mind, Body and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Sr. Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel - All Saints - Communion
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sat. Nov 1 *DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR*
- Sun. Nov 2 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - All Saints - Communion
10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Nov 3 6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppets
- Tues. Nov 4 **5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Our Saviour's UCC**
6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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