

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Palm Sunday

March 26 & 29, 2026

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*\* All who are able please stand*

*L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Into the belly of the beast, on the back of a beast of burden...This is no parade of the powerful, no extravaganza for empire.

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Resistance.**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**L:** Into occupied streets, on stolen land...This is no marvel of military might, no crusade of cruelty.

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Refuge. Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**L:** Into histories of harm, surrounded by lineages of liberation...This is no acquiescence in advance, no complicity through conformity.

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Solidarity.**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**L:** May our worship this day prepare the way for the Prince of Peace, cut branches for the King of Compassion, line the path for the Lord of Liberation, soften the road for the Sovereign of Solidarity.

**P: May our worship this day prepare us for where this way will lead.**

**\*HYMN:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

B213/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Lay it down, here, now, whatever covers your vulnerability cloaks your openness. Let it become part of the way of courage. Lay it down, here, now, whatever shades your brilliance, branches over your belovedness. Let it become part of the way of grace. Spread the cloaks. Cut the branches. Line this road, this journey, this way with your cries for freedom until all our hearts and voices move toward, "Hosanna."***

**\*RESPONSE & INVITATION:** "Savior, When in Tears and Dust" by Robert Grant

Savior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,  
When repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes,  
Mindful how you suffered pain that God's love in us might reign-  
Help us claim what we would be, hear our solemn litany.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

## CALL TO CONFESSION

L: When Jesus set the stage for his entrance into Jerusalem, he knew he would be competing with outward and visible displays of the dominating power of the Roman Empire. But he also knew that Empire didn't just live in parades of the powerful and shows of force. Empire also lives in our bodies, minds, spirits, relationships, and communities. So, he set out with a donkey and a colt and a band of outcasts to help them and us imagine a different kind of power - the power of love and justice.

So, on this day of palms and hosannas, let us open ourselves to the transformation that comes from naming the ways Empire lives within us, and shapes the world around us with a story of dominance, division, and violence.

## \*CONFESSION OF SIN

L: For the ways Empire has taught us to fear difference and believe that strength and safety require dominance and violence,

**P: God, have mercy.**

L: For the ways Empire makes hierarchy the air we breathe and shapes who and what has worth and dignity,

**P: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For the ways Empire separates us and convinces us that we don't belong to the land or each other.

**P: God have mercy.**

L: Open us to notice the tension, longing, and dissonance in our bodies revealing where Empire has tangled itself around us.

**P: Turn us around, Holy One. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Let your soul receive this rest: You and we are not what Empire imagines. There is resistance, liberation, and wisdom beyond Empire. In Jesus name your sins are forgiven and you have been set free.

**P: Praise God who forgives us and frees us inviting us to a belonging where dignity isn't earned, bought, or proven, but received as grace.**

(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

A TIME OF LEARNING: What is Palm Sunday

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

B-Attitudes

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Adaptation of Colossians 1:15-20

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 & Lord's Prayer

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: "Hosanna" with Hillsong Chapel Projected

MEDITATION: "Turmoil"/ "Who is He?" Rev. Mundell/Keith Mulder

HYMN: "Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem" R125/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: When Jesus sent his disciples ahead of him into Jerusalem to find a donkey and colt, he was already showing them a way beyond Empire, where goods are shared in common and the worth of any being isn't only what they can do or produce. What resources might Jesus be asking you to share in common today? What might the Lord need from you to support our collective life and flourishing? Let us give as a practice of resisting empire and moving toward God's vision of abundant love.

\*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 our offerings we say, "thank you" and practice a new economy.  
With our practices we say, "yes, God," and resist Empire's hold.  
With our resistance we say, "Hosanna," and bless all the ones,  
who journey in the ways of courage and grace. 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



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

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

*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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***Aaliyah Wilson Apr 1, David Dolske, Kelly Mundell, and Tammy Widlake Apr 2,  
Boni Jensen Apr 3, David Cluppert, Lyndon Luker, and Terri Schwandt Apr 8***

### **ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Wednesday:	In-Person: 11	Livestream: 133	Total: 144
Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 155	Total: 163
Sunday :	In-Person: 60	Livestream: 166	Total: 168

General Fund: \$2,659.00                      OCWM: \$263.00                      Capital Improvements: \$264.00

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

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** John Kwiatkowske/Judy Lueck    **Liturgist:** Jackie Bogucke    **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

### **LENTEN INITIATIVE**

Last year we became the 4<sup>th</sup> partner for Fond du Lac United Way's Ripon Area Food For Thought program. Each partner contributes \$2,500 for program support. This program ensures that any child in the Ripon School District whose family struggles with food insecurities receives a food pack each Friday containing enough food for that child to get through the weekend.

We have not only reached our goal, but we have also exceeded it. You donated a total of \$2,801 for this important program, thank you so much! The extra amount becomes seed money for this program next year.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

Rev. Mundell, his family, and Sophie Moldenhauer will all be in Florida on vacation over Easter Week. Maundy Thursday, we've partnered with Grace Lutheran on the Living Last Supper service, held at 6:30 pm at Grace, and includes communion.

The Ecumenical Good Friday worship service this year will be at Immanuel UMC at 6:30 pm.

### **MEMBERS EASTER BREAKFAST**

Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday between our two worship services. On the menu are scrambled eggs, ham and bacon, breakfast potatoes, pancakes, egg bake, sweets, juice, coffee and milk. Sounds pretty good!

Don't make breakfast at home- enjoy it here with us!

## 2026 WCUCC ANNUAL MEETING

This year's WCUCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Green Lake Conference Center. We have an opening for one more delegate to the conference and the agenda for both days is online now at <https://wcucc.org/annual-meeting/agenda/>. OSUCC will pay for the conference registration and food ticket, just send an email to our church office and we'll set that up for you.

Also, there is a Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, full day workshop available from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Daycholah Center in the Ley Chapel. The workshop focus is on the ways we connect within congregations and beyond church walls in the local church. The day will explore two complementary dimensions of ministry: connecting within congregations through worship practices such as preaching, music, prayer, and the arts, and connecting beyond the local church through community ministries and justice initiatives. Call our church office if you would like to attend.

## INSTANT HELP FOR INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee will be in the East Narthex during coffee hour on March 29<sup>th</sup> to help you get started with Instant Church Directory on your phone, tablet, or laptop. We think you'll love all the features of the online version! Your login will be your email address, so please make sure we have that on file or call the church office to double check.

The first batch of the printed directory is ready for pickup if you had RSVP'd for a copy. If a print copy of the directory is what you want, please RSVP on the new signup sheet in the East Narthex so we know how many more to print and bind. Thank you so much!

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

OSUCC offers scholarships to our member high school graduates and post high school adults who will be attending college, trade/technical school, or continuing adult education (seminary, etc.) The 2026 Scholarship applications are available in the East Narthex, in the church office, or at the countertop directly across from the church office door.

Applications must be submitted to the attention of the Scholarship Committee by Wednesday, April 1, 2026, either by mail or by dropping them off in our church office. Thank you!

## 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:*** *Sharri Dailey, Nancy Henning, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Elaine Mortenson, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, and 16 Unspoken.*

## 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 March are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc.; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned stew, beans, chili, chicken, tuna, Manwich style sauces; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; white sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil; pancake syrup. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

## RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY SURVEY

Our Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast has been an established ministry here at Our Saviour's for many, many years. While we know people are listening, generally from folks when there is a problem with the broadcast, overall it is a form of ministry that doesn't provide any insight into how many people are being reached.

To try to get an idea of outreach and impact, we're making a short survey available for anyone who would like to take it. You can fill it in for yourself or a family member, and it will also be available on Facebook. The survey is on the bulletin insert today. Your help is greatly appreciated, thank you!

If you are a listener but don't use the internet or are homebound, please feel free to call us during office hours at 920-748-2544 and we can fill one out with you over the phone.

## EASTER FLOWERS FOR SPRING

Thank you to everyone who got their flower order in by the deadline. Our collective order came to 28 plants, and the order has been placed. We can't wait to see how beautiful the altar will look on Easter Sunday!

Please don't forget to pick up your plant(s) after the services. We are not able to take them to any of the nursing homes, etc. as we used to. Thank you!



### QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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



### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Wed.	Mar. 25	6:30 PM - Midweek Lenten Service in the Sanctuary
Thur.	Mar. 26	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Sun.	Mar. 29	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Palm Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Instant Help for Instant Church Directory 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Mar. 30	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Mar. 31	5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - St Catherine of Siena

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Thur.	Apr. 2	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday - Living Last Supper - Grace Lutheran
Fri.	Apr. 3	6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Service - Immanuel UMC
Sun.	Apr. 5	7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Worship Service with Communion 8:00 am - Easter Members Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:00 am - Late Easter Worship Service with Communion 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
Mon.	Apr. 6	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Apr. 7	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mon.	Apr. 13	6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Sun.	Apr. 19	10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
Mon.	Apr. 20	4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tues.	Apr. 21	5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting

**OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY SURVEY**  
**MARCH 2026**

Please complete this survey only one time. You can complete a survey for a family member if they are not able to do so for themselves. If you choose to give us your name that's fine. It's also fine if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

We appreciate you helping us gain more insight into our Radio Broadcast ministry, thank you!

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- I listen to OSUCC's Sunday worship service broadcast on WRPN, AM station 1600:
  - Every Sunday
  - A few times a month
  - A few times a year
  - I don't listen to the broadcast
  - I didn't know about the broadcast
  
- My family member or friend listens to OSUCC's Sunday worship service broadcast on WRPN, AM station 1600:
  - Every Sunday
  - A few times a month
  - A few times a year
  - Not applicable
  
- The reasons I/my family member/my friend listen to the radio broadcast are (choose all that apply):
  - I/they are homebound
  - I/they don't have Internet access where I/they live
  - I/they don't have access to a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
  - I/they don't know how to watch the service online
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_