

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Easter April 16 & 19, 2026

** All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I in that person, will bear much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing. This is my commandment that you love one another, as I have loved you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.

P: When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.

L: We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

ALL: With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN:** "Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven" R134/Projected

***SENTENCES**

L: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

P: We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.

L: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

P: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

L: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide for ever in the assurance of your love, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia”

by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
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WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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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.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

A TIME OF LEARNING: Why do people celebrate Easter?

Projected

By Easter for Kids

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Bullfrogs and Butterflies”

Scott St Puppets and the
Sunday School Puppeteers

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ (1957) 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: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me" with CityAlight Projected

MEDITATION: "Are Our Eyes Open?"

Keith Mulder

HYMN: "Rejoice the Lord is Risen"

R138/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Because you have raised Jesus from the dead and because you have raised us up to be a community of faith through Christ, we praise you with joy. We give back to you and to our neighbors our time, talents and resources because you first gave them to us. Use them to bring glory to your name in all things.

*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: We praise you, O God, that by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have delivered us from the power of death, making us alive to serve you. Free us from pride of self that we may live in community with one another and with all your people. Free us from fear of the principalities and powers of this world that we may live and speak with courage, guided by your Spirit. Keep us rooted and grounded in your love and fill us with the power of your Spirit. Be glorified in our life together; through these gifts and through Jesus our risen Savior. 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
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 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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Faith Levitt Apr 24, Quinten Kuehn Apr 25, Carroll Schilf and Maverick Towne Apr 27

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 9	Livestream: 146	Total: 155
Sunday :	In-Person: 52	Livestream: 197	Total: 249

General Fund: \$2,167.00 OCRM: \$98.00 Capital Improvements: \$126.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

A/V: Kelly Mundell/Judy Lueck

Liturgist: Rick Stracy

Musician: Nicole Burdick

SPRING CLEANUP

Buildings and Grounds invites you to join in helping do Spring Cleanup around the church grounds. There are sure to be tasks that will be at the level of what you are comfortable doing, which is all we ask of anyone.

The fun starts Tuesday, April 21st, at 9:00 AM and we hope to see you there. If you have your own gardening gloves, please do bring those with you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

We'd like to thank all those who make donations through the Thrivent Choice Program. In 2025, you donated \$622 to our church through that program. Thank you so much!

EVANGELISM BRAT FRY

Our Evangelism Committee will be having a Brat Fry fundraiser on Friday, May 1st, at 9:00 am outside of HyVee in Ripon. They would like to sell dessert items along with the brats, etc. and are asking if anyone would like to help by donating baked goods such as cookies, brownies, bar cookies, muffins, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the East Narthex.

They are requesting that donated items not be frosted because the frosting sticks to the packaging when the items are individually wrapped. Perhaps try an icing or a sprinkle of powdered sugar instead of fluffy frosting?

If you could either leave your donation in the East Narthex on April 30th or bring it to HyVee by 8:45 am on May 1st that would be wonderful. The committee will cut and individually package items for sale. Thank you!

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you ordered a printed copy of the directory, it is available for pickup on the table near the corridor in the East Narthex. There is a new RSVP sheet near the outside door in the East Narthex if you would still like to order a printed copy.

It's not too late to have us add a photo to your directory listing! Just email one to the church office or drop it off so we can scan and return it to you. Pictures help us recognize one another by putting the name to the face instead of just thinking, "I should know her/his name. I see them every Sunday!"

If you need us to make any corrections or are having trouble signing into the app or website, please let the church office know so we can check your email and answer any other questions you may have. 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: Mary Albright, Nancy Henning, Emily McGuire, Rev. Kevin Mundell, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, and 11 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 April are: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, canned fruits; 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; brownie and cake mix; biscuit mix.

Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY SURVEY

We'll be running the survey for a few more weeks, so there is still time to fill one out and drop it into one of the collection baskets. For your convenience, there are blank forms beside each of the collection baskets. Your input is important to us!

If you aren't present at church but want to have one done for you, please call the church office and we'll be happy to fill one out for you.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 16
9:00 am - MBS Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sat. Apr. 18
Sun. Apr. 19
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
- 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
9:00 am - Building and Grounds invites you to Spring Cleanup!
5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Immanuel UMC
5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 23
9:00 am - MBS 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. Apr. 26
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
- Tues. Apr. 28
5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1st Congregational Church



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