

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

May 3, 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 (inspired by Psalm 31)

L: In You, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

**P: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

L: You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Our times are in your hands.

Strengthen us in your righteousness.

**P: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

L: Shine upon us this day as we worship you. Saturate us in your steadfast love.

**P: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

\*HYMN: "O Lord of Every Shinning Constellation" R45/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: Holy and Living God, build us into a spiritual house, a gathering of witnesses for the world and in the world to declare your goodness, to follow in your way, to do the work of your hands, voice, and heart Renew our spirits as we worship you and bask in your presence. Fill us with your Spirit that we collectively proclaim ourselves as your people, called to the fullness of your glorious and radiant being. Amen.***

\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia" by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 7:55-60

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

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: Redeemer of our lives, we come to you knowing that we participate in a world often crushed by tyranny and evil. Our hearts are troubled, overwhelmed, and dismayed. At times, we feel helpless and hopeless by the enormity of the problems presenting all around us. We believe the lie of the enemy that there is nothing that we can do or that someone else is***

*the one to do it. May you, Holy and Righteous One, be glorified in the tumbling of walls cemented in evil and fortified by hate. For this, we pray for courage and resolve to do the works needed in this hour. For this, we pray for faith, trust, and hope to believe that the realm of the possible eclipses the narrow places of improbability. For this, we pray for the boldness to pray for what the world needs and more than our imaginations may hold. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Chosen of God, receive the mercy of God, who calls you from despair into hope, from suffering into repair, from hopelessness into resolve. God has given you capacity for strength and compassion. The Holy One journeys with you. Grace is available for you. Know that your prayers are met and amplified by the Spirit, and Christ will lead the way to life and love everlasting on earth as in heaven. In Jesus' name your sins are forgiven.

**P: Alleluia, Amen.**

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 2:2-10-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:3-18

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Jacob's Ladder"

The Senior Choir

WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION 2026

FAITH STATEMENT

Confirmand: Philip Busse  
Mentor: Jeremy Schouten

A MUSICAL EXPRESSION OF FAITH

"Prayin' in a Deer Stand" with Luke Bryant

Images Projected

FAITH STATEMENT

Confirmand: Leighton Boers  
Mentor: Debbie Boers

A MUSICAL EXPRESSION OF FAITH

"Lord, I Need You" with Matt Maher

Images Projected

REFLECTIONS ON CONFIRMATION

Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Generous ones, you bear the image of the Generous God, who has provided for all needs and gives good gifts. Accept the invitation to share, sacrificially and from abundance, resources needed in this community and by our neighbors throughout the world for the glory of God.

**\*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 may the gifts that we bring reflect the image we bear. Be glorified through our generosity and the meeting of needs among and beyond us. Amen.***

LITANY OF CONFIRMATION

(Insert & Projected)

HYMN: "Good God Almighty" with David Crowder

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

# Litany of Confirmation

May 3, 2026

Invitation for Leighton Boers and Philip Busse

L: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the family of Christ. Through prayer and study, they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence the covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts, which the Holy Spirit bestows.

## Sentences

L: Hear the words of Jesus: I am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who abides in me, and I in that person, is the one who bears much fruit. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

## Questions for the Candidates

L: Leighton and Philip, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

### **Candidates: I do.**

L: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

### **Candidates: I do.**

L: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

### **Candidates: I do.**

L: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

### **Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.**

L: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

### **Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.**

## Affirmation of Faith & Apostles' Creed

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

### **P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

### **P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

### **P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

L: Let us all join together in the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Candidates

**L & Candidates:** O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life, Amen.

Prayers of the Congregation

**L:** Let us pray in silence. (Silent Prayer)

**L:** Let us pray together.

**All:** Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Leighton Boers

**L:** The God of peace sanctify you, Leighton Boers, the God of mercies multiply grace and peace in you, enable you truly and faithfully to keep your vows, defend you in every time of danger, preserve you to the end, and finally bring you to rest with all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

**Leighton's Verse:** Isaiah 40:26 "Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing (NRSV)."

Philip Busse

**L:** Strengthen, O God, this your servant, Philip Busse, with your heavenly grace that he may continue yours forever; and daily increase in him your Holy Spirit and your love for all, until you receive him at last in your eternal home. Amen.

**Philip's Verse:** Jeremiah 29:13 "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart (NRSV)."

## Prayer of Confirmation

L: We rejoice, O merciful God, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give you thanks that they have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not for themselves but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## Address & Welcome

L: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith, which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

**Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.**

L: Parents and sponsors, will you continue to bear witness to God's presence in your life through how you live and serve others so that your life continues to be an encouragement to your confirmand to stay on their faith journey and continue to grow in their faith and use of their gifts for God's purposes?

**Parents: I promise, with the help of God.**

L: Will you, Leighton and Philip's mentors, continue to lift them up in prayer, encourage them, continue to grow your friendship, and live a life of faith that bears witness to God's love for you and the love that you have to give?

**Mentors: I promise, with the help of God.**

L: Let us, the members of Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**P: We promise you our continued friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

## Prayer

L: Almighty and ever-living God, may your hand ever be over your servants confirmed today. May your Holy Spirit ever be with them, so they live in the knowledge and obedience of your Word that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**



**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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*Tara Koller and Larry Retzlaff May 1, Laurie Stemler May 5*

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 13	Livestream: 148	Total: 161
Sunday :	In-Person: 84	Livestream: 172	Total: 256

General Fund: \$5,024.50                      OCWM: \$388.50                      Capital Improvements: \$91.00

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS**

**A/V:** Kelly Mundell/Phil Wepner      **Liturgist:** Confirmands      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND RADIO BROADCAST**

The altar flowers for Sunday are given in honor of Philip Michael Busse's confirmation. The radio broadcast is sponsored today by Shirley Grams.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

Today we celebrate the Confirmation of Leighton Boers and Philip Michael Busse. We officially welcome them into our membership and pledge to them our continued prayers, friendship, and support as we continue to grow together in our faith and God's love. Congratulations to you both, and to your families and mentors!

**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:*** *Emily McGuire, Rev. Kevin Mundell, Ron Prellwitz, the family and friends of Jean Luskey, the family and friends of Mary Albright, and 11 Unspoken.*

**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. If you have a new photo to add, 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!

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

OSUCC member, Jean Luskey, passed away on April 12, 2026. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss.

Visitation for Jean will be held Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 am till 10:00 am here at OSUCC. The memorial service will begin at 10:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. Inurnment will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Town of Ripon. A luncheon will be served here in Fellowship Hall following the Inurnment.

## **RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

Pentecost Sunday is May 24<sup>th</sup> and the Altar Guild is again providing members with the opportunity to purchase red Geraniums to decorate the altar area.

The plants are being ordered from Hounsell's and will be 4 ½" pots. Price per pot is \$7. The order form will be available in the bulletin, East Narthex, and the counter across from the church office door.

The deadline for having your payment and form back to the office is Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Plants may be picked up after the worship service on May 24<sup>th</sup>, just in time to plant in your yard!

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

The Scholarship Committee and Church Council are pleased to announce that all three applicants this year have been awarded scholarships. Congratulations!

The presentation for Spencer and Harley will take place during the service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Carmen has already received her scholarship as her course began earlier.

Spencer Conlon: \$5,000	Harley Langenfeld: \$5,000	Carmen Roehl: \$5,589
<i>Fox Valley Technical College - Cyber Security</i>	<i>Ripon College - Elementary Education</i>	<i>Academy of Beauty Professionals - Nail Technician</i>

## **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 May are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, stew; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals; canned fruits; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; 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!

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thur. Apr. 30 9:00 am - MBS Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Fri. May 1 9:00 am - Evangelism Brat Fry at HyVee
- Sun. May 3 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Confirmation Sunday  
with Communion  
10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
- Tues. May 5 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thur. May 7 9:00 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sat. May 9 9:00 am - Visitation for Jean Luskey, Our Saviour's UCC  
10:00 am - Jean Luskey Memorial Service followed by Inurnment at  
St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Town of Ripon.  
Luncheon following at Our Saviour's UCC
- Sun. May 10 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Happy Mother's Day!  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed
- Mon. May 11 1:00 pm - Science Club  
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. May 12 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran Church
- Wed. May 13 6:30 pm - Senior Recognition Night at Ripon High School and at  
Laconia High School



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two scannable QR codes with your  
Smart Phone.

