

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accom.: Nicole Burdick

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The week has come to wrestle with the story.

P: The week has come to reveal the profane.

L: The day has come to embody the sacred.

P: The day has come to reflect on love.

L: The hour has come to remember the story.

P: The hour has come to bring peace to our souls.

***HYMN: "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"**

R226/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy God, companion in the room, we enter the space where the story begins. As evening extinguishes daylight, we begin the task of remembering the story. Our minds race as we place ourselves around the table with Jesus. Our souls become quieter as the bread is broken and the cup is poured. May we recall tonight's story as one that has drawn us together over time. May the readings and rituals bless our heavy hearts worn down by this world. Heal us with each word, each sense, each breath. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Spirit of the Living God"**

B283/Projected

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: In every time, prophets and apostles have come to call the people of God to repentance and newness of life. We too are called to admit our sin and to commit ourselves anew to follow in God's way. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy Deliverer, tonight we have reached the all-too-familiar story of the evening before the execution. While there are times when we relate very well to Jesus in this story, we forget that we have been Judas, Peter, and the disciples. We have allowed ourselves to become part of someone's story of pain. Our words have pierced another's hearts. We have betrayed

our neighbor instead of filling this world and another's soul with love. Instead of living with the heaviness of guilt, allow us to create peace around us and within us. Invite us to share our repentance and to reconcile whenever possible. May we live into the mandate to love one another as you love us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Through the redeeming love of Christ, God has poured grace upon us. May the mercy of God transform us into bearers of love in a wounded world. Amen.

P: In God's name we have been set free. Amen.

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" R128/Projected

LISTENING TO THE STORIES OF OUR TRADITION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

REFLECTION: Imagine yourself and your family in this text, among the Israelites who were enslaved and desperate. What thoughts might go through your mind as you follow these instructions and prepare this meal? How would you explain to children why you are eating "hurriedly"? Are you excited? Fearful? What images of oppression and liberation come to mind? Where do you experience the need for freedom in your life? In your community? In our world? What is the cost of freedom?

SPECIAL MUSIC: "En prière" Fauré (1889) by Stéphan Bordèse
Played and Sung by Nicole Burdick

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

REFLECTION: This commemorative act, central to our tradition, comes alive for us each time we gather at the Communion Table. In re-enacting this event, what is it that we receive from the Lord and pass on to future generations? At this table, and especially on this night, we stand remembering our past, faithful in our present and hoping in God's future, proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again. Certainly, we remember Christ's death when we gather here, but what does a future rich in grace and hope look like, when Christ will come again? What does this moment feel like, entwining memory, faith, and hope? Do you welcome Christ when you sit down to break bread with friends? Whom does Christ call you to invite to join you at the Lord's table?

SILENT REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 13:1-17,31b-35

REFLECTION: Imagine yourself in this upper room with Jesus and his friends. With whom do you identify? How do you feel? Peter resists Jesus' service of

foot-washing, would you? Are you surprised that Jesus included Judas in the foot-washing? What would it take to offer a service of love to someone who hurt or betrayed you? What manner of love does Jesus model and command of us?

VISUAL REFLECTION: “Rescue Me”
By The Work of the People

Projected
Music by The Choir

MEDITATION: “Giving of Self”
Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Divine Love, even when the workings of the world are harsh, you are present. Even when shame rattles our souls, you pour goodness and mercy upon us. May we live into the command of Christ: love one another as Christ loved us. Through our actions, our faith comes alive, and our neighbors experience Divine love in new ways.

P: Amen.

HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2 R210/Projected

SHARING OF THE MEAL

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” R126/Projected

BENEDICTION

L: As we head into the night, may we commune with God our fears and frustrations. May we reach out to our neighbors as we yearn to settle our souls. May we know the strength of the Holy Spirit as we endure moments of trial and moments of joy.

P: Amen.

*Postlude

En prière (In Prayer)

If the voice of a child can reach up to you, O my Father, listen to this prayer from Jesus, kneeling before you!

If you have chosen me to teach your laws here on earth, I shall know how to serve You, mighty King of kings, O Light!

Place the salutary truth upon my lips, Lord so that he who doubts, may revere you with humility!

Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness needed to lessen pains, to relieve suffering and misery!

Reveal Yourself to me, O Lord in whom I believe and I hope: For You I wish to suffer and to die upon the cross at Calvary! Trans. By Christopher Goldsack

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thurs.	March 28	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship in the Chapel with Communion
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Sun.	March 31	7:00 am - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 7:45 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
Mon.	April 1	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	April 2	5:00 pm - Community Meal at OSUCC, Volunteers welcome! 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Parent/Leader meeting
Thurs.	April 4	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion in Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	April 7	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
Mon.	April 8	6:15 pm - Puppets 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	April 9	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting
Thurs.	April 11	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion in Chapel

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **bulletin** or would like to sponsor an item, please email the office or drop it off by **Tuesday at 11am.**

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **May Messenger** can be emailed to or dropped off at the church office by Saturday, **April 20th**. Thank you!

NEW QR CODE FOR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

We have set up a brand new QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to make contributions via PayPal. Try it out!





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

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

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

Sunday Service is broadcast live via radio at 11:00AM on WRPN, AM station 1600.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and available at your convenience. If you are viewing worship from one of our Social Media Platforms, 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 reach out to Conrad Winkelman.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also 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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Matthew Graff, March 29, Jay Rasmussen, March 31, Aaliyah Wilson, April 1, David Dolske, Kelly Mundell, Thomas Widlake, April 2, Boni Jensen, April 3

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Wednesday: 11	Thursday: 4	Sunday : 85
Livestream Views:	Wednesday: 75	Thursday: 70	Sunday: 105
General Fund: \$1,412.00	OCWM: \$61.50	Capital Improvements: \$115.50	

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

EASTER WORSHIP TEAMS

7:00 am	Audio Operator: Phil Manthei	9:00 am	Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske
	Liturgist: Rorie Nitz		Liturgist: Rory Nitz
	Musician: Nicole Burdick		Musician: Nicole Burdick
	Communion: Keith Mulder		Communion: Bob Lueck, Patti Schaalma, Rick Stracy

CHOIR FUND DONATION

We have received a donation to the Choir Fund in Memory of Fred Lehman, given by Ellen and Larry McNally. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Just a quick reminder that breakfast will be served between services in Fellowship Hall from 7:45 am until 8:45 am.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sliced ham, sizzling hot bacon, Ron’s Hoppin blueberry pancakes, oven browned potatoes, and all the sweets you can handle.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

In need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Edna Schwandt, 23 Unspoken, and all others.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Longtime member, Bob Schouten, passed away Saturday, March 23rd. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve his passing.



A Visitation for Bob will be held Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am till 11:00 am here at OSUCC. The Memorial service with full military honors will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. Following the service, a luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall.

The inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to OSUCC's Radio Fund.

REV. MUNDELL ON VACATION

Reverend Mundell will be on vacation from the evening of March 31st until April 8th. If you have an urgent need please contact a Church Council member for assistance.

Reverend Dodson will be officiating at the Thursday, April 4th, worship service and at the Sunday, April 7th, worship service.

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION



Suggested food items *for March* are:

Canned proteins, canned beans, canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, baby food, baby formula, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, peanut butter, nuts, pasta and sauce, or canned vegetables.

These can be brought to the East Narthex. It is always best to buy canned items with a pull-tab for ease of opening and avoid glass containers whenever possible. Thank you to all who have already donated this month!

RIPON AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

OSUCC is hosting the Ripon Area Vacation Bible School this summer, and we are very excited! This year's theme is SCUBA, Diving Into Friendship with God. Dates will be July 28th - August 1st. Registration is not yet open on Facebook.



There are many ways to help so if you would enjoy volunteering, please contact Ricky or Debbie Prellwitz at rldeerhunter@centurytel.com or 920-229-4007 .