

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Lent 1

Feb. 15 & 18, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The voice of God proclaims of Jesus, "You are my beloved, and I love you."

P: We, too, are God's beloved children, loved and embraced.

L: With all the voices reminding us that we are not enough or don't belong, it is tempting to forget our place in God's Kingdom.

P: With the waters of baptism and the voice of God's promises, we can face the temptations of any wilderness or desert that would draw us away from the Source of our hope.

L: Embrace your beloved-ness.

P: We rejoice in God's unending love for us!

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

R88/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: God of waters and deserts, God of hope and horizons, we celebrate your presence among us and among all your people. You have proclaimed that Jesus was beloved and, tenderly, you have claimed us as your own. Open the skies. Break through the clouds. Fall softly upon our shoulders and say our names with joy. For this day and each day, no matter what the other voices may say, we are your beloved and we rejoice in your inbreaking Kingdom. Amen and 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.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Genesis 9:8-17

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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: O God of love, as Jesus was driven out to be tempted in the wilderness, we too, face wildernesses of our own. We are tempted to forget your promises, to rely upon our own strength, and to listen to the destructive voices of power and oppression. Free us from our own hubris. Help us to reclaim our spiritual center as rooted in your love. Open our being to hearing your voice proclaim us as your child who is welcomed, held, and whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Do not fear. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the new has come.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 3:18-22

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Bible: What is it Good For?
From Luther House of Study

Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ

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**

SUN. SPECIAL MUSIC:

Quartet

THUR. HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This"(1811) w/Koine

Projected

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

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.

LENTEN VISUAL REFLECTION: “Lent and Dying to Yourself” Projected
From TWOTP with Diana Butler Bass

MEDITATION: “Sent for Temptation” Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “What a Friend we have in Jesus” R289/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Our generosity is born out of our identity in a God whose love is unending and offered to all. In gratitude and joy, we are invited to share a portion of our treasure to ensure that all may come to know of this love of God that never ends.

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 (Responsive)**

ALL: Abundant God, receive these gifts of love from your servants and use them for the breaking in of your Kingdom of love and light. In the name of Jesus, whose way calls us forth in service, we pray. 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**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	February 18	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:15 am - Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Sanctuary 4:00 pm - AOL Pack 3735 Meeting
Mon.	February 19	4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Ed Committee Meeting 6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tues.	February 20	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist Church 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting till 7:30 pm
Wed.	February 21	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel
Thur.	February 22	9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel
Fri.	February 23	Women's Wild Weekend at Moon Beach

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	February 25	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
Mon.	February 26	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice
Tues.	February 27	5:30 pm - Community Meal at First Congregational Church of Ripon 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Dinner and Crossover Ceremony
Wed.	February 28	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Chapel
Thur.	February 29	6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Tues.	March 5	5:00 pm - Community Meal at OSUCC
Wed.	March 6	6:30 pm - Lent Worship Service in the Sanctuary



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. 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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Noann Gomoll, February 19, Tom Badtke February 20, Herman Berndt, February 21, Dawn Brown and Carlton Huth, February 22, Roberta Tetzlaff, February 24

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Thursday: 10	Sunday : 68
Livestream Views:	Thursday: 117	Sunday: 112
General Fund: \$1,021.00	OCWM: \$48.50	Capital Improvements: \$59.50

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

9:00 AM WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Kelly Mundell

Liturgist: Rick Stracy

Musician: Nicole Burdick

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.



IN OUR PRAYERS: *Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Pat Schaub, Bob Schouten, Edna Schwandt, 21 Unspoken, and all others.*

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION



Suggested food items *for February* are:

Unsweetened applesauce, canned beans, canned chicken, canned fish (tuna and salmon), canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, fruit (dried or canned), granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, peanut butter, nuts, pasta, 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!

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Our Annual Meeting is today at 10:15 AM. We hope all will make the time to be present and take part in this important process for our religious community here at OSUCC. Copies of the Annual Report are available for your review in the office, the East Narthex, and the main doors into the Sanctuary.



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VENEZUELAN REFUGEES

Rev. Mundell's niece, Jaycie Mundell, volunteers with an organization in Rockford, IL that has shifted from working with primarily children in need to trying to help work with the Venezuela refugees living on the streets of Chicago. She asked Rev. Mundell if our church would help.

Our Missions committee liked the idea and would like to help. Here are the items of most need: new or slightly used winter gloves; new or slightly used winter coats infant to medium adult in size; new or slightly used pajamas infant to medium adult in size; new diapers sizes 0-6; new underwear sizes 2T up to adult medium.

We have a box located in the East Narthex labelled where items may be dropped off. We will be collecting for the next couple of months. If you are able, please help. Thank you so much!

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

February is American Heart Month, a time when all people, especially women, are encouraged to focus on their heart health. Many do not realize heart disease is the leading cause of death for women and the warning signs of a heart condition present differently and more subtly in women than they do in men.

American Heart Association.



Another important thing to realize is after menopause women lose estrogen, which helps keep plaque from building up in the arteries, thereby increasing the chance of cardiovascular problems. It is a good idea to get your heart checked and talk with a cardiologist about how to keep your heart healthy.

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

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

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **April Messenger** should be emailed to the office or dropped off at church by Saturday, **March 16th**. Thank you!