

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Six Confirmation & Communion May 5, 2024

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

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ gives us a new commandment:

P: "Love one another as I have loved you."

L: When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

P: We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.

L: Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

P: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

*HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" with Elvis Presley Projected
(Feel free to join in on the Chorus)

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Loving God, we remember your Child's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. May this time of prayer and reflection remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we leave this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others. 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.

READERS THEATRE "I Do...Don't I?"

Theme: Doubt Scripture Reference: Mark 11:22-23, John 20:27

Setting: The Bride and Bride's maid are getting ready in a changing room right before the wedding is about to start.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Celebration" with The Scott Street Puppet Ministry

READERS THEATRE: "Lamp-O-Rama"

Theme: Living in the Light Scripture Reference: Ephesians 5:8-14

Setting: A customer is returning a purchased lamp to a sales clerk at a local lamp store.

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 John 5:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17

A TIME OF LEARNING: “The Apostle’s Creed Part II” Projected
From Luther House of Study

READERS THEATRE: “The Journey is the Destination”

Theme: Giving Thanks Scripture Reference: 1Tim. 6:12, 1 Thes.5:18

Setting: Two back packers hiking up a mountain side.

HYMN: “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” B351/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Jesus has appointed us to bear fruit that will last. Fruit that will bring love and justice. Joy and hope. Bring what you can; together, the gifts we offer can transform lives.

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: Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

FAITH STATEMENT

Confirmand: Rorie Nitz
Mentor: Debbie Hahn

CONFIRMAND VERSE: 1 Peter 5:8

LITANY OF CONFIRMATION

(Insert & Projected)

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Hallelujah” by Pentatonix

Projected

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.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Jesus, our sibling and friend, we confess that we do not always love one another. Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen and appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world. Help us renew our focus and live by your will...that we may follow you with joy in our hearts. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Jesus no longer calls us servants, but friends. Each relationship is a new opportunity to abide in Christ's love, and a reminder that we can start again. In Jesus' name you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

HYMN: "Come to the Table" with Sidewalk Prophets Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

(When we are coming forward to receive the elements a video with the words of Elvis Presley singing from his gospel album will be playing. The Song is "I Got a Feeling in my Body" reflecting on our hope in God as we live in the sorrows of the here and now.)

***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**

Liturgy for Confirmation

INVITATION

L: We invite Rorie Nitz to come forward to affirm her baptism by being confirmed.

L: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. This person has found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study, she has been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm her baptism and to claim in our presence her covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. She is 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 CANDIDATE

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

Candidate: I do.

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

Candidate: I do.

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

Candidate: 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?

Candidate: 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?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH & APOSTLE'S CREED

(Will all those who are able please stand and join in responsively.)

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 Apostle's Creed.

ALL: 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATE

L & Candidate: 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 this your servant into the church, forgave her sins, and promised her eternal life, increase in her 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 her for her ministry in the world through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

[Would the Parents, Sponsors/God parents, and Mentor who are able, please come forward and place a hand upon the kneeling confirmand.]

Rorie Nitz

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

L: We rejoice, O merciful God, with Rorie 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 she has been moved to affirm her baptism. Help her to live not for herself but for Christ and those whom Christ

loves. Keep her steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

ADDRESS & WELCOME

Pastor: 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?"

Candidate: 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, our confirmand mentor, continue to lift her up in prayer, encourage her, 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?

Mentor: 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 servant confirmed today. May your Holy Spirit ever be with Rorie and lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Word that she may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come, through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	May 2	Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
Fri.	May 3	9:00 am - OSUCC Brat Fry at Webster's Market
Sun.	May 5	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Confirmation and Communion 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
Mon.	May 6	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	May 7	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC
Wed.	May 8	6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Parent/Leader Meeting
Thurs.	May 9	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	May 12	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Mother's Day 4:00 pm - Den Meeting
Mon.	May 13	1:00 pm - Science Club meeting 5:00 pm - Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 6:15 pm - Puppets 6:30 pm - Church Council meeting
Tues.	May 14	5:30 pm - Missions Committee meeting 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting
Thurs.	May 16	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:00 pm - Ripon Area VBS meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the 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 **June Messenger** can be emailed to osuccripon1@gmail.com or dropped off at church office by Saturday, **May 18th**. Thank you!



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, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. On Tuesday we are open from 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM. 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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Lawrence Retzlaff May 1 , **Laurie Stemler** May 5, **Noah Borgardt** May 7,
Harley Langenfeld May 9, **Dannica Jo Petrak** May 11

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Thursday: 9	Sunday: 69	Total: 78
Livestream Views:	Thursday: 96	Sunday: 101	Total: 197
General Fund: \$791.50	OCWM: \$37.00	Capital Improvements: \$40.50	

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Cal Fischer **Musician:** Niclole Burdick

BRAT FRY OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, May 3rd is our OSUCC Brat Fry at Webster’s Market from 9:00 till 3:00 PM, with proceeds going to Ripon’s Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. We have the baked goods covered but are in need of booth workers. Can you help? The sign-up sheets are in the East Narthex. Thank you!

MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER DRIVE

Did you know that 1 in 3 families in the US can’t afford diapers for their children? Let’s see what we can do to help where we can here in our own community.



Mission Committee is holding a Mother’s Day Diaper Drive, though you are welcome to donate using the collection box in the East Narthex even before May 12th. There will be a container for monetary donations if you would prefer to do that. The diapers and any monetary donations will be distributed to our local Ripon food pantries. Thank you!



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, 23 Unspoken, the family and friends of Janice Handrich, and all others.*



SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

Beginning May 1st, our Church Office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. On Tuesday, our hours will be 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Please feel free to use the drop box adjacent to the office door if you are here when the office is closed. Thank you!

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 Prellwitz at rlpdeerhunter@charter.net or Debbie Prellwitz at debster60@charter.net.



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items *for May* are:

Apple sauce, baby food, baby formula, canned proteins (such as chicken, ham, tuna, salmon), canned beans and vegetables, canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, flour, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, nuts, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, and sugar. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!

REMINDER - CHURCH SECURITY DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Just a quick reminder that the only doors that will be unlocked during worship services are doors 1, 8, and 9 on Scott Street and door 2 at the East Narthex entrance. All other doors will always remain locked, apart from Thursday evening when the Chapel ramp door 7 will be open for the worship service. These changes took effect on May 1, 2024.

OSUCC QR CODE FOR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS



For your convenience, we have set up a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to make contributions to OSUCC via PayPal. If you've never done this before, it's quite simple. Just focus your phone camera on the QR code then tap on the word paypal.com when it appears.



The link will open our OSUCC PayPal page and you can use your debit or credit card to contribute. You'll have the option to do a one-time contribution or set it up as a monthly contribution.

Red Geraniums for Pentecost

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given By:

Phone #:

Quantity

_____ Red Geranium - \$6 each Total: \$ _____

I will pick my plant(s) up
after service on May 19th

I donate my plant(s) to
those homebound

Checks should be made out to Our Saviour's Altar Guild.

Please return this form and your check to the Church Office by
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

