

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

L: Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

P: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

L: We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

P: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

L: Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

P: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

***HYMN:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" B31/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community. Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts. However, we worship, we gather here. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak. 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Holy One, we confess our tendency to exclude rather than to include, to form closed groups rather than open communities, and to prioritize

comfort rather than embrace curiosity. Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us.

Let our commitment to the gospel and a life with Christ be reflected in our attitude and actions toward those with different life experiences, identities, and cultures. Be opened to the possibilities, wonders, and joy that the diversity of God's creation presents to us.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: James 2:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Slow to Anger"

Projected

The Animated Bible Project Series: The character of God

Litany for a New Church School Year

Projected

***STATEMENT OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed

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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Voices Ala Carte

MEDITATION: "Faith is Never an Idea"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

B410/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: James 2:8 states, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well." Let us do well in sharing and giving of our resources, gifts, and time within and beyond this faith community for the glory and love of God.

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

ALL: Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of your kingdom. May they be magnified and the spirit of generosity among your people amplified so that all may do well. 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

A LITANY OF PRAISE: KICK OFF SUNDAY DEDICATION OF OUR MINISTRIES

L: Hear, O children of God, you who are child or adult, teacher, or learner, you who live at home or away, you who come to worship and learn.

P: We have gathered here to worship the Lord our God, the Lord alone!

L: Hear, O children, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

P: We will recite them to our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren and talk about them at home and at church and wherever we may be. We will meet to hear and respond to God's voice.

L: Through the generations, God continues to speak to us - in the wonders of creation, in the stories from the Bible, and through the living Christ, who taught us to journey together, following God's ways.

P: We will share God's message in our teaching and learning settings.

L: "O Lord, how manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all, the earth is full of your creatures. God's creative work goes on in each generation. When we hear and share God's good news, God's creative power bubbles up in ways we could never imagine. Let us see what God will do!

P: Surprising God, you call forth each generation to hear and share your good news of salvation. Inspire us and equip us through this new curriculum to become people who know and love you, who interpret your word for today, who belong to your gathered community, the church and who share your good news with joy.

L: May our God bless us, bless these resources for teaching and learning, and make us a blessing at home, across the street and around the world.

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OUR LEARNING MINISTRIES

L: We celebrate the new year of Sunday school, Confirmation, Singing, and Puppeteering.

P: Living God, You are the beginning of our journeys, our guide, and our destination.

L: We remember our relatives and mentors, leaders and teachers who led us to faith by singing us songs and telling us Bible stories, by welcoming and accepting us, by praying for us without our knowing and by showing us how to follow Jesus.

P: You have been faithful to your people from generation to generation. Help us pass your faithfulness on to the next generation.

L: Today, we are dedicating ourselves and this year of Sunday school, Confirmation, Singing, and Puppeteering to you. May learning and worshiping together inspire us so that we share your good news with joy and confidence.

Equip us to be diligent in faith-sharing at home, and nurture us to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

All: Bless us so that we can be a blessing to all, Amen.



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. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

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

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 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 to 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, Wednesday, and 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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Austin Lawless Sept 8; Sharon Sauerbrei Sept 9; Beverly Garro, Gabriel Polcyn, and Thomas Schuster Sept 10; Alan Schouten Sept 11

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 192	Total: 199
Sunday:	In-Person: 49	Livestream: 17*	Total: 66
General Fund: \$2,037.00	OCWM: \$192.50	Capital Improvements: \$168.50	

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder **Liturgist:** Rick Stracy **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School starts September 8th at 10:15 am. Registration packets are available on the OSUCC website, <https://www.oursavioursuccripon.com/church-life/children-youth>, or from any of the teachers on Sunday. We are also looking for additional teachers and helpers this year. Thank you!

BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, September 15 is Blanket Sunday and there will be a special offering envelope in the bulletin. Your donations go to help fund the Blanket and Hygiene Kit Program, run by Church World Services, and provides emergency service to the US and other countries.

GREETING CARD DRIVE

Missions Committee reports that 862 beautiful and funny greeting card fronts were collected that will help teens at the St Jude’s Ranch in Nevada learn life and work skills. Thank you so much for your generosity!

CHURCH OFFICE COVERAGE

Our Office Manager, Jane Brady, is on vacation beginning Monday, September 9th, returning to the office on Monday, September 16th. The office will be staffed by a volunteer and will be open Sept. 9th, 11th, and 12th from 9 am until noon. 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: *Tara Koller, the family and friends of Timothy Cluppert, Dianne Heyn, Dave and Sarah Heyn and children, and 21 Unspoken*

YOUTH RETREATS AT DAYCHOLAH CENTER

Registration will open in late August for two upcoming Fall Youth Retreats at Daycholah Center. The Knock Knock Retreat for middle schoolers (grades 6-8) is October 11-13th. The youth Faith Formation Retreat I (grades 6-12) is November 8-10th. Visit <https://ucci.org/events-calendar/> for more information.



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items *for September* are:

Apple sauce, baby food, baby formula, canned proteins (such as chicken, ham, tuna, salmon), canned beans and vegetables, canned fruit, 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!

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **worship bulletin** or would like to sponsor altar flowers, a radio broadcast, or a worship bulletin, please email the office or drop your request off by Monday at 1:00 pm. Thank you!

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **October Messenger** can be emailed to osuccripon1@gmail.com or dropped off at church office by Saturday, **September 21st**. Thank you!

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thurs. Sept. 5
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Sept. 8
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
6:15 pm - Lego Multiverse
- Mon. Sept. 9
1:00 pm - Science Club
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Sept. 10
5:30 pm - Free Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thurs. Sept. 12
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. Sept 14
10:00 am - Pack 3735 Popcorn Blitz Party
- Sun. Sept. 15
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Blanket Sunday
10:15 am - Sunday School
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
6:15 pm - Lego Multiverse
- Mon. Sept. 16
4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Christian Ed Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Tues. Sept. 17
5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist
5:30 pm - Mission Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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