

He isn't here, because he's been raised  
from the dead, just as he said.  
Come, see the place where they laid him.



Now hurry, go and tell his disciples.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 9, 2023

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We welcome all who are visiting with us today.  
It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to  
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way  
we might be of service to you or your family.

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**Silent Reflection:** "If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put  
truth in a grave but it won't stay there." ~ Clarence W. Hall

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

**\*HYMN of ACCLAMATION**      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*      288

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God promises: someday you will again be my people.

I will be your God and will give you peace.

**ALL: O God, come today to claim us.**

Take away the sting of death.

ONE: God has been patient and kind with us.

We are precious to God, who loves us.

**ALL: God answers our prayers and offers salvation.**

The rejected one has become the chief cornerstone.

ONE: This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**ALL: We rejoice to know that Christ is alive.**

God has chosen us to witness to good news.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God, we have lost our awe of you in the busyness of our days. We have forgotten to look for Christ in the people we meet. We have ignored your mandate to live as Christ in relation to our neighbors. On this day of resurrection, we ask you to raise us up and restore in us a commitment to our risen Savior. May we die to all that is selfish in order that Christ may live in us. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****GLORIA PATRI****A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US****Prayer for the children** (*unison*):

We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,  
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Song Response**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**SCRIPTURES:**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

## SERMON

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### GIVE THANKS:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Thank you, God, for accepting us in ways that we had not even accepted ourselves. We want to do what is right and good. Receive our time and effort as well as our money, that your message of peace might be spread throughout our community and nation, and into the whole world. Inspire all of us to seek, above all else, to do your will and accomplish your purposes. Amen.

### HYMN

#### *I Come with Joy*

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### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(insert)*

## PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

#### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things  
of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

### \* HYMN

#### *Because He Lives*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

ONE: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

### COMMUNION PRAYER

ONE: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

ONE: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: It is a right and joyful thing to praise you, Holy God, who through your spirit anointed Jesus of Nazareth to tell your good news of grace and love through his birth, life, death, and resurrection.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: Break open the tombs of our lives by your earthquake and lightning that we may know your power and take courage from Christ's resurrection to live new lives.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: Grant us the fear and hope of the Marys who heard the angel's word. Grant us the surprise and joy of the disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Grant us the awe and deep happiness of the Apostles who met with Jesus at the breakfast campfire on the shore of Galilee.

**ALL:** Christ was not in the tomb! Christ is risen! Christ goes before us into the world!

**ONE:** Pour out your Spirit of resurrection on us and on this bread and cup, that we may experience newness in our own lives and bear your good news to the world!

**ALL:** Alleluia!

**ONE:** Thanks be to you, God of creative newness!  
Thanks be to you, Christ reborn among us!  
Thanks be to you, comforting and challenging Spirit!

**ALL:** Thanks be to you, Holy God, Three-in-One, now and forever!  
Alleluia! Amen!

## **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (unison)

God of grace and resurrection, we give you thanks that you have brought us to your table and shared with us the presence of Christ. May this meal strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Kay Guse
Liturgist	Don Yann
Accompanist	Melody Hollis

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworthy's son Sean, and Jeffrey Thornton

**St. Jacob:** Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Dave Krausz, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Carol Schmitt, Jerry Schmitt and Carol Zweck

**IL South Conference:** Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

### Church & Pastors

-Pana United in Faith Church, Rev. Leon (Kay) Goff

-Pinckneyville St. Paul UCC, Rev. Jason (Petrice) Eisele

### ISC Conference Minister

-Rev. Shana (Rev. Todd Bean) Johnson, O'Fallon, IL

### Retired Pastors

-Rev. Jean Carmean, O'Fallon, IL

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Katie Yann, April 10

Jill Bloemker, April 11

Ken Frutiger, April 11

Kristie Daniel, April 12

Kristen Hill, April 12

Ethan Schmidt, April 13

Marlene Robison, April 14

Wally Foxworthy, April 15



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, APRIL 2, 2023

St. John's – 20

St. Jacob – 41

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### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Mondays by appointment)

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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### **BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC**

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) is running low, and could use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for anyone in need. Please help us keep the "Blessing Box" stocked. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

**Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry):** Long shelf-life fresh produce: apples, oranges, celery, onions, potatoes, and carrots, etc.

**Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, pudding cups, large box instant mashed potatoes, laundry detergent-small bottles, cake mix, paper towels, toilet paper, canned potatoes, Ramen noodle bowls, and Nutri-Grain bars



## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY:** ELFs meeting, 10 a.m.

**APRIL 18:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**APRIL 19:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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### **STRAWBERRY FEST NEEDS WORKERS & T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

We are preparing for our 39th Annual Strawberry Festival and are seeking volunteer workers for the event, which will be held May 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park. Sign-up forms to work the event and Strawberry Festival T-shirt order forms are located on the table in the Narthx. For more information contact a festival committee member or call the church office at 618-644-2142.



### **ELF BOOK SALE, LOOKING FOR DONATIONS**

This year as part of the St. Jacob community yard sale (May 4-6), the ELFs will hold a book sale in the Heritage Hall. As you prepare for spring cleaning, if you have any books you would like to donate, they can be placed on the cart in the Narthx. Funds raised will go toward supporting children in need through partner organizations in our community and within the wider church.

### **VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB**

We are looking for volunteers willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthx.

### **LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please volunteer to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx.

**FIRST LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.  
Let Israel say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"

The Lord was my strength and protection; he was my saving help!  
The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's strong hand is victorious!  
The Lord's strong hand is ready to strike! The Lord's strong hand is victorious!"

I won't die—no, I will live and declare what the Lord has done.  
Yes, the Lord definitely disciplined me, but he didn't hand me over to death.

Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!  
This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.  
The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!  
This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!  
This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

**SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4**

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**THIRD LESSON: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

## *ST JACOB*

*A special thanks to everyone who placed a flower in church for Easter*

In Memory of George, Lottie, Paul, Donald, & Becky Hanser

In Memory of Oscar and Viney Jones

In Honor of Katie & Kyle, Kellie, and Kristen

By Don and Beth Hanser (H)

In Memory of Glen Noeltner

In Honor of Jane Noeltner

By Duane and Patti Woods (H)

In Memory of Larry Bohnenstiehl

In Honor of Our great-granddaughters: Mya, Brooklyn, Payton, & Charleigh

By Peggy Bohnenstiehl (H, D)

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Honor of Troy & Lauren

By Ty and Dian Gansmann (L, T)

In Memory of Glen Noeltner

By Jane Noeltner (D)

In Memory of Jack & Philipine Schmitt, and the Frutiger family: Lila, Elam,

Lloyd, Linda & Wayne

In Honor of our kids: Beth, Bruce & Darren, and our granddaughters: Brittany & Bailey

By Carol and Jerry Schmitt (H)

In Memory of Edward & Lucille Yann, and Virginia Ashmann

In Honor of Katie Yann & Mark Schultz and Rachel & Zach Mueller

By Don & Audrey Yann (D)

In Memory of our precious daughter Rae Lynne Meyer & all of our loved ones that have passed

In Honor of our Precious Grandchildren: Mikayla, Kylie and Robbie  
By Carol Kynion (T, H & D)

In Memory of Earl Anderson, loved ones and friends who have passed.

In Honor of Shirley Anderson  
By Gary & DiAnn Rufer (H)

In Memory of Harold (JR) Rehg, Jr.

In Honor of Todd, Stephanie Tyler, & Samantha Rehg  
By Gernayn Rehg (H, D)

In Memory of Victor and Virginia Kraft Brunnworth, Ralph Kraft, and Mr. & Mrs. Roland Schmidt

In Honor of Our Grandchildren  
By Richard and Susan Schmidt (T)

In Memory of Tom Prange

In Honor of my Children & Grandchildren  
By Carol Prange (T)

In Memory of Lucille & Ed Yann, and Carl & Ida Cron

By Mark, Marilyn, & Megan Cron (H)

In Memory of Parents: Delmar & Mildred Frutiger, and Earl & Mary Slape;  
Grandparents: Victor & Emma Kirsch, Edwin & Louise Frutiger, A.L. & Eulah Beard, and William & Randa Slape; Siblings: John & Nancy Nemrich, and Gary Frutiger

In Honor of Children: Tim & Michelle Aldrich, and Mike & Lisa Frutiger, and Grandchildren: Sean, Alex, & Alyssa Aldrich, and Dylan & Jack Frutiger

By Kenneth & Cathy Frutiger (L)