

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*



*Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.*

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MAY 28, 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:** "Pentecost is a celebration of God... a celebration of God's power... a celebration of God's desire to empower us and to dwell within us."

~ Mark Hart

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The peace of God be with you today.

Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: We feel the winds of God blowing among us.**

**We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.**

ONE: How amazing is the power God gives us.

How manifold are the works of our Creator.

**ALL: The breath of God fills us with confidence.**

**The Spirit creates new life within and among us.**

ONE: God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.

God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

**ALL: May the glory of God endure forever.**

**We will sing praises to God as long as we live.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people you ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that you are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us, God. 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:

Acts 2:1-21  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 7: 37-39

**HYMN*****Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness***

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**SERMON****UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(insert)***HYMN*****In Christ There Is No East or West***

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**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 filling our lives with good things. The abundance of your gifts to us is beyond our counting. Bless all that we return to you for the work of ministry among us and beyond us. Let your Spirit enliven our caring and add effectiveness to all our doing. Make us one in Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**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*****Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Audrey Yann
Liturgist	Andy Schreiber
Accompanist	Melody Hollis

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

**St. Jacob:** Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Lora Hollis, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Carol 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

-Valmeyer St. John UCC, Rev. Steven (Carla) Boorsma

-Waterloo St. Paul UCC, Rev. Jeff (Bobbie) McCarn

#### Retired Pastor

-Rev. Thomas Nadelin, St. Louis, MO

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Tonia Ahlmeyer, May 30

Andrew Becker, May 30

Beth Frank, May 30

Ellise Duncan, June 1

Mindy Schiefer, June 2



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, MAY 21, 2023

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – No service

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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) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. 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):** Tomato paste, pasta sauce, spinach, sauerkraut, Manwich, Rotel tomatoes, vegetable oil, peanut butter 16 oz, baked beans, chili, cereal bars, pancake mix, syrup, pop-tarts, beef stew, chicken & dumplings, egg noodles, pasta sides, laundry detergent, & Kleenex

## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JUNE 5-AUG. 10:** School Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Jacob Elementary School (outdoor classroom)

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### **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to help with the free school lunch program this summer. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob Elementary School (outdoor classroom). Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow time to assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthx. For more information, or to volunteer call Judy Bolton at 618-830-0526, or Audrey Yann at 618-567-8013.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

St. Jacob UCC and Friedens UCC, Troy, are working together to organize an intergenerational Vacation Bible School this summer! Specifics are still being planned, but if you're between the ages of 1-100+, we hope you will join us as we explore the theme of the Greatest Commandment: " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " Save the date for the evenings of Thursdays, July 20, July 27, and August 3; as soon as the details are confirmed, we will publicize them in weekly bulletin, Facebook, and the church website!



### **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.

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21**

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

**GOSPEL: John 7:37-39**

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, “All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.” Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn’t experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn’t yet been glorified.



## THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

