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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 13, 2023

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.

WELCOME TO ANGIE HAUSMANN

We welcome Angie Hausmann who is serving as our pulpit supply leader today.
Please greet her following worship.
Pastor Phil will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ONE: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.
Do not fear to meet Christ here.
- ALL: **We have heard the invitation.**
Our hopes have brought us together.
- ONE: The storms of life do not have the last word.
Our faith keeps us from sinking.
- ALL: **Our doubts lead to greater faith.**
Our losses open us to greater possibilities.
- ONE: Let us call on God's name and give thanks.
Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.
- ALL: **We will sing of God's wonderful works.**
We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on land. We want to rise above others rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by you. We pray for pardon, for greater insight, for another chance to live and serve with faithfulness. 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:

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (*Insert - Read in Unison*)

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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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*)

God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer her provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-laborers tomorrow also be blessed as ministry.

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

Here I Am, Lord

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person/Liturgist

Carol Kynion

Accompanist

Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Judy Chapman, Wally Foxworthy, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll
Jeffrey Thornton, and Margie Foxworthy's son Sean

St. Jacob: Sandy Autry, Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Carolyn
Masterson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jamie Runion, Jane
Schmidt, Sara Schreiber, Carol Zweck, and Dawn and
"B" friends of John 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

-Dupo Christ UCC, Rev. Todd (Suzanne) Mushaney

-Dupo First Congregational UCC, Rev. Julie Kies

Retired Pastor

-Rev. David and Kathryn Riebeling, Fults, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Carol & Steven Casperson, 48 years, Aug. 15

Steve May, Aug. 15

Ronda & Eric Schmidt, 25 years, Aug. 15

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, August 6, 2023

St. John's – 15

St. Jacob – 25

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

(Mondays by appointment)

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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): Canned potatoes, chili, spam, canned ham, black eyed peas, breakfast bars, Pop-tarts, pineapple, pears, peaches, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, tomato paste, Vienna sausages, sauerkraut, spinach, pasta sides, egg noodles, chicken & dumplings, beef stew, dish soap, & laundry detergent

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 27

The ELFs organization, in conjunction with Korte Meat Processing, Inc., are offering you a chance to win one of three bundles of barbeque meats in exchange for your donation. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Ticket packets have been mailed out, and additional ticket packets are available on the table in the Narthx for you to sell to friends, family, or purchase yourself. The proceeds will be used to purchase a display case in the Upper Meeting Room. The drawing will be held immediately following worship on Aug. 27, where three lucky winners' names will be drawn. You can drop your donation/tickets in the Barbeque safe in the foyer at church or mail them to the church office at: 207 West Main Street. St. Jacob, IL 62281.



ST. JACOB UCC HOSTS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AUG. 22

St. Jacob UCC will host a Red Cross blood drive from 1-5 p.m., Aug. 22 at Heritage Hall. The goal for the blood drive is 24 pints. You may schedule your appointment on-line at: RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **StJacob** or you can call the office at 618-644-2142.



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.

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (Sept-Oct) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: The person who does these things will live by them. But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will go down into the region below?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the message of faith that we preach). Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. The scripture says, All who have faith in him won't be put to shame. There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.

So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

(UNISON READING)

Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!

Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!

Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

When God called for a famine in the land, destroying every source of food, he sent a man ahead of them, who was sold as a slave: it was Joseph.

Joseph's feet hurt in his shackles; his neck was in an iron collar, until what he predicted actually happened, until what the Lord had said proved him true.

The king sent for Joseph and set him free; the ruler of many people released him.

The king made Joseph master of his house and ruler over everything he owned, to make sure his princes acted according to his will, and to teach wisdom to his advisors.

Praise the Lord!

