



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 1, 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 REV. LOUIS FLUCK

We welcome Rev. Louis Fluck who is serving as our pulpit supply pastor today. Please greet Reverend Fluck following worship. Pastor Phil will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ONE: Come, let us remember God's presence with us.
Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.
- ALL: **Our ancestors have told us about God's might.
They have celebrated God's wondrous deeds.**
- ONE: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water.
Through the sea, God provided safe passage.
- ALL: **Yet the Israelites questioned God's presence.
They needed assurance amid their doubts.**
- ONE: Our doubts can lead to honest searching.
God welcomes questions that seek new truth.
- ALL: **We want to see God's larger picture.
We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.**
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Anonymous, circa 1490. Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58689>. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:German_15th_Century_Christ_Washing_the_Apostles'_Feet_c.1490_NGA_4036.jpg.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for 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.

SCRIPTURE:

John 13:3-15

SERMON

The Lesson

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*)

We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates your love. Amen.

HYMN

I Come With Joy

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Donna Lowe

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Sandy Autry, Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Lola Kelley, Carolyn
Masterson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt,
Carol Zweck, and the family of Jamie Runion

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

-Hamel Immanuel UCC

-Grantfork United Church of Christ, Rev. Tim (Rev. Janet) Darmour-Paul

Retired Pastor

-Rev. Fred and Shirley Wehrenberg, Columbia, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Stephanie & Todd Rehg, 26 years, Oct. 4

Marilyn Warren, Oct. 6

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, September 24, 2023

St. John's – 15

St. Jacob – 31

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

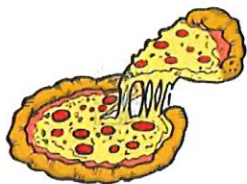
With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry): Canned chili, tomatoes, and beans (kidney, pinto, great northern, black), cereal, juice, canned fruit, boxed Jello or pudding, Ramen noodles, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, white rice, canned chicken, canned stew, peanut butter, & jelly

Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited): pasta sides, rice sides, chili, chili beans, pasta sauce, tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, Hamburger Helper, & egg noodles

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Holey Sunday. Donuts will be available in Heritage Hall.



PIZZA ORDER PICK-UP TODAY

If you ordered pizzas from our fundraiser, they will be available for pick-up TODAY in Heritage Hall following worship. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser.

ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday through the school year. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join the fun. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact the church office at 618-644-2142; or email: stjucc@hometel.com



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.

HIGHLAND MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Highland Meals on Wheels needs several volunteers to deliver noon meals to a few residents in St. Jacob and Marine. The meals are picked up at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland at approximately 10:50 a.m., Monday - Friday. If you have an hour one day a week to help it will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer call Mary, the coordinator at 618-954-0356.

BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION

The ELFs organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthx to place the labels.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:3-15

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.