



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 20, 2024

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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:** "The life of discipleship is not the hero-worship we would pay to a good master, but obedience to the Son of God." ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Servants of God, lift up your heads,

ALL: That the Lord of life may behold our eyes!

ONE: Servants of God, lift up your hands,

ALL: That the Lord of life may bless our works!

ONE: Servants of God, lift up your hearts,

ALL: That the Lord of life may abide within!

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, or strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who call us to service, standing by our side as we seek to be faithful disciples.

## 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:

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

**HYMN**      *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

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**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED – INSERT**

**HYMN**      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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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*)

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. Multiply these gifts so that they might help build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**      *Into My Heart*

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*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**\* HYMN**      *With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person/Liturgist      Donna Lowe  
Accompanist                      Melissa Anderson Taylor

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Brian Bielong, Wally Foxworthy, Don Koenig, Sharon Koenig, Christy Lanning, Fred Lanning, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll, and Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, Lori Foley, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Kathleen Ritter, Jane Schmidt, 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

- St. Jacob UCC - Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier  
- Staunton St. Paul UCC - Rev. Joshua (Rev. Tiffany Pittman) Pittman

### Retired Pastor

- Retired Pastor - Rev. Kenneth (Jean) Knobloch

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSERIES

Carol & Onis Zweck, 51 years, Oct. 20  
Rick Ritter, Oct. 21  
Kaitlin Woods, Oct. 21  
Mary Lowe, Oct. 22  
Mikayla Bloemker, Oct. 24  
Charissa & John Hill, 32 years, Oct. 24  
Troy Gansmann, Oct. 26

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, October 13, 2024

St. John's – 17 St. Jacob – 32

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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.

**Items for St. John's (For Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries):** Canned goods including: green beans, corns, carrots, mixed vegetables, stew, chili, soup, fruit, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, potatoes (boxed/bags), Rice a Roni, macaroni and cheese, pasta, Ramen noodles, Jello, pudding, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, powdered sugar, brown sugar, oil, Crisco, dish soap, laundry detergent (quart bottles/sheets/pods), dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet paper, baggies (sandwich/qt./gal.) plastic wrap, toilet bowl cleaner, and cleaning solution

**Items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Pop-tarts, oatmeal, cheese cracker sandwiches, beef jerky, fruit cups, Vienna sausages, ketchup, mustard, broth, cooked ham, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, & syrup

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY:** Granite City St. John UCC chicken & dumplings dinner, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

(Information flyer is posted on the Narthex bulletin board)

**MONDAY:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 3:** TOTENFEST observance at St. John's and St. Jacob

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### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in honor of our precious granddaughter, Mikayla Bloemker on the celebration of her 24th birthday, Oct. 24, from Angel Grandpa Charlie and Grandma Carol.

### FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC THURSDAY

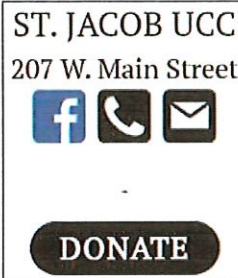
St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday at Heritage Hall. The clinic is **only for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township**, and you must be 18 years or older (proof of residency is required). For more information contact Diane Frey at (618) 644-9319.

### HIGHLAND'S MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS DRIVERS

Highland's Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers. Meals are delivered from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays. For more information, or to sign up call (618) 954-0356.

### ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on the St. Jacob UCC's web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the "DONATE" button located on the top-right corner of the "Home Page," and the second is by clicking on "RESOURCES" and then "DONATE." If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.



**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (November-December) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob

**FIRST LESSON: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c**

Let my whole being bless the Lord! Lord my God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!  
 You wear light like a robe; you open the skies like a curtain.  
 You build your lofty house on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot, going around on the wings of the wind.  
 You make the winds your messengers; you make fire and flame your ministers.  
 You established the earth on its foundations so that it will never ever fall.  
 You covered it with the watery deep like a piece of clothing; the waters were higher than the mountains!  
 But at your rebuke they ran away; they fled in fear at the sound of your thunder.  
 They flowed over the mountains, streaming down the valleys to the place you established for them.  
 You set a boundary they cannot cross so they'll never again cover the earth.

Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations!

Praise the Lord!

**SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest is taken from the people and put in charge of things that relate to God for their sake, in order to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and those who are misled since he himself is prone to weakness. Because of his weakness, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the people. No one takes this honor for themselves but takes it only when they are called by God, just like Aaron.

In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

*You are my Son. Today I have become your Father,*

as he also says in another place,

*You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.*

During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the universal Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

