

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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.

Silent Reflection: “Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you’ll never walk alone.” ~ Rodgers and Hammerstein, Carousel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Praise God, all people who are called to be saints.
Sing a new song in the assembly of the faithful.

ALL: **We will be glad in God our Maker.**
We will rejoice with music and dancing.

ONE: God takes pleasure in us and receives our worship.
God lifts up the humble and invites us to share God’s glory.

ALL: **We will not cease to give thanks in all things.**
We look to God for revelation and wisdom.

ONE: Listen here for God’s Word of truth.
Share with one another the gospel of salvation.

ALL: **We are here to seek a better way of life.**
We have come to learn and to do what God intends.

* HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Most high God, we confess that we have not aspired to the best that we know. We have neither set our hope on Christ nor treated others with the love and respect we crave for ourselves. We seek to avoid entering into the depth of another's pain or risking our wealth in compassion for all your saints. We do not want to embrace those we perceive as enemies or do good to those who hate us. We are afraid to trust the working of Christ's power among us. O God, help us to accept the demands of faith that we may experience this joy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

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TOTENFEST *(insert)* – HYMN *Rejoice in God's Saints*

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US *(Skip if no children are in attendance)*

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:

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

HYMN

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

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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)*

God of glory, in thanksgiving for your abundant goodness, we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. We want to treat our brothers and sisters as we wish to be treated, with dignity, understanding, and grace. May these offerings prove to be a blessing to those who give and those who receive. Amen.

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – Insert

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Make Me a Servant

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*Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord let me lift up those who are weak;
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.*

* HYMN

Here From All Nations

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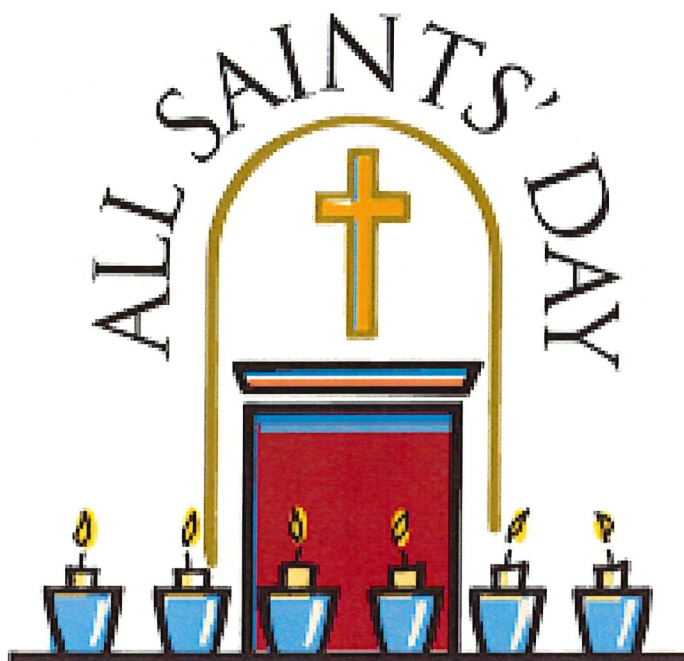
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POSTLUDE

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TOTENFEST

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER



St. Jacob United Church of Christ
November 2, 2025

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: As baptized believers in Christ, we are also baptized into Christ's death. In doing so, we are united with Christ through Christ's resurrection so that we might share in eternal life with Christ. Let us now hear the names of those, our brothers and sisters, who have been called home this past year and who are now sharing in the power of that eternal life.

We remember the following members and friends:

Carol Zweck

John Zweck

Rosa Lockeby

Ed Leder

Carol Schmitt

Kenneth Goss

Shirley Anderson

Jeff Kelley

Pastor: Let us now have a moment of silence to remember our loved ones who have been called home this past year.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

PASTOR: God, whose hand reaches to the farthest star and to the depths of the sea, we feel the loss of no longer having those who have passed on with us. We also feel the gain of the time they were with us.

MANY: Their vital spark is burned in our memories, though they have departed.

PASTOR: We recall their ears,

MANY: Hearing our cries.

PASTOR: We recall their eyes,

MANY: Seeing our joys and pains.

PASTOR: We recall their touch,

MANY: Holding our hands.

PASTOR: We recall their voices,

MANY: Speaking to our hearts.

ALL: We continue to live with the best they had to give because it lives within us.

HYMN: *Rejoice In God's Saints*

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PRAYER FOR COMFORT (*Unison*)

This day, we pause to give thanks for the gift of individuals who were special to many of us. We give thanks for the church which has nurtured us through the years, both ministering to us and enabling us to minister to others in Your name. We would recall the past with love, in order that we might live in the present with dignity. We ask for your guidance each day, that we may serve you well, with all things. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: You, O God, created us and have brought your people through many trials:
Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses.
Deborah and Isaiah, Peter and Mary,
Martin Luther and John Wesley
Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa
All attest to your providence and mercy and shows us ways to live.

We thank you for all who have gone before us, our ancestors in the faith
who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, who
you sent from your own being as our Savior.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we
unite our prayers with the entire family of your faithful people, everywhere
and in every time:

**ALL: Blessings and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and
might be to our God forever and ever!**

ONE: In Jesus Christ you came to the world in human form to walk among us,
teaching us the way you would have us live. You showed us what holy living
looks like. You brought acceptance and healing and love to your children.
And, on the night before you died, you call the disciples to your table, broke
the bread, poured the wine, and, through them, gave us the sacrament Holy
Communion to remember and experience anew your presence, encouraging
us to live in relationship with you.

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ, our help, came to live among us.
Christ, our hope, died on the cross for us.
Christ, our life, from death for us.
Christ, our future, will return.**

ONE: Holy one, pour out your blessings on this food we have gathered for your people. May it be multiplied like the loaves and fishes at Galilee and feed and bless them and bring them closer to you.

Pour out your Spirit on this bread that it may be for us the bread of heaven, and on this cup, that it may be the cup of your new covenant in Jesus Christ. And bind together all of your children here on earth, and all who are with you in your glory, that we may know your grace in this meal at your table.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Host are gluten free.

Juice in the center ring and wine in the outer rings.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. 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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, October 26, 2025

St. John's – 13 St. Jacob – 31

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Ty Gansmann

Accompanist:

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Kenzie Barker, Nancy McCaw, and Sean and Dustin,
sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

St. Jacob: Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Cathy Frutiger, Norma Logsdon,
Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Kathy Ritter,
Sandy Rujawitz, David Schmidt, Loretta Tague, Olin Zweck and
Lance & Shelby Taylor and their new baby

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. John UCC, Fairview Heights - Rev. Rosemary Captain
- Friedens UCC, Farina

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Earl (Johanna) Crecelius

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

George Anderson, Nov. 2

Wayne Loerhing, Nov. 2

Tyler Rehg, Nov. 2

Ronda Schmidt, Nov. 3

Justin Weycker, Nov. 5

Denise Baer, Nov. 7

Renee Bippen, Nov. 7

Kristen Kniepkamp Belcher, Nov. 8

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 11: Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 12: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in honor of my husband Tyson and children Isaac, Eden and Abigail, from Angela

HOYLETON'S HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS DRIVE

St. Jacob: This year we are providing gifts for children in residential care and foster care through Hoyleton. On the table in the Narthex you will find a basket with slips. Each slip lists possible gifts and has a number at the top. There is a sheet next to the basket with the same number on it. Please put your name next to the slip you take. The gifts are due at church by Sunday, Nov. 30, and we'll get them to Hoyleton that week. Please include the top half of the slip with the child's name on the gift.

St. John's: Again this year the council will be coordinating the purchase of gifts for the children in residential care and foster care through Hoyleton through their on-line wish-list. Please place your donation in the envelope on the bulletin board.

ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL NOV. 9 & 23

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m., Nov. 9 & 23. All children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join the fun. To register, fill out the online form at: <https://forms.gle/eW6KTtPzSm4DkVtx5> or call 618-644-2142.

WALK WITH GOD

Come join our St. Jacob UCC walking group, called “Walk with God.” Anyone who likes to take walks, be in nature and share in unity is encouraged to join us. We hope to get members of the church together a couple times a week to walk and be visible in the community. We will meet at the church and decide from there where we would like to walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. If you’re interested in participating or for more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on 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, contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.

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

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.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

Let Israel celebrate its maker; let Zion's children rejoice in their king!

Let them praise God's name with dance; let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre!

Because the Lord is pleased with his people, God will beautify the poor with saving help.

Let the faithful celebrate with glory; let them shout for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,

to get revenge against the nations and punishment on the peoples, binding their rulers in chains

and their officials in iron shackles, achieving the justice written against them.

That will be an honor for all God's faithful people.

Praise the Lord!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:11-23

We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said: "Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours. Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort. How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry. How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep. How terrible for you when all speak well of you. Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.