



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
MAY 10, 2026

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: "I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you."
~ 2 Timothy 1:5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ONE: Here, in this place, in these moments, we can speak of what God has done:
ALL: The One who is closer than our imagination tells us.
ONE: Here, in these moments, with this people, we will sing of what God is doing:
ALL: The One who lives in us, and calls us the Beloved of the Lord.
ONE: In every place, at every moment, with every person, we dare imagine what God will do:
ALL: The One who will move us to serve others, to be with them as surely as God is with us.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

As painful as it may be, O God, we will try to speak our hearts. Called to live gently with our families and friends, we cause great hurt by our words and actions. Created in your image, we live as if it were the evil one who shapes us. Given the simple command to love, we complicate it with our expectations, our fears, and our doubts. Yet you do not overlook our sins, Loving God, so you sent Jesus to redeem us. Through the waters of baptism, the fire of our failings is extinguished. Through the grace of your heart, we are made whole. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we live, move, and have our being with you. Amen.

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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:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

SERMON**HYMN***Blessed Jesus, at Your Word***INSERT****INVITATION TO OFFERING****DOXOLOGY:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

May all that we give today be used to express your love among us and beyond us, Gracious God. We are thankful for your gift to us in Christ Jesus, who was so committed to sharing your love that he suffered rejection and death. May Christ live today in us, in our caring, in our giving, in our speaking, and in our doing. We rededicate ourselves to your service. 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***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***358****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE, MAY 3, 2026

St. John's – 16 St. Jacob – 28

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:	Beth Frank
Liturgist:	Holden & Bennett Seger
Accompanist:	Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Joanne Meyer, Taylor Ostrander, Robin Pollman, Kathy Ritter, Ethan Rock, and Olin 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

- **Zion UCC, Addieville** - Rev. William Groennert
- **Salem UCC, Alhambra** - Rev. Jeremy Wood, Pastor John Mindrup

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Libby (Jane) Feagans-King

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Harvey Steinkoenig, May 10

Grace Leder, May 11

Ann & Ryan Becker, 14 years, May 12

Ty Gansmann, May 16

Karen & Joe Schultze, 56 years, May 16

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 17: STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, 11 am to 3 pm, St. Jacob Township Park

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED

We are preparing for our 42nd anniversary Strawberry Festival and need volunteer workers for preparations on Saturday, May 16th and for the event Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park. Also, we need cake/pie crust/cash donations. Volunteer sign-up/donation forms are on the table in the Narthex. For more information contact a festival committee member or call 618-644-2142.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Additional Strawberry Festival raffle tickets are available on the table in the Narthex for you to purchase. There are plenty of raffle tickets available, so if you haven't already purchased any or just want additional chances to win one of the many great prizes available, please do so before the drawing May 17. Thank you for your support!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FLYERS

Our 42nd annual Strawberry Festival is May 17, and we could use your help in getting the word out. There are pink flyers located on the table in the Narthex, please take a few and get them posted on bulletin boards at area businesses.

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 to lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

Volunteers and donations are needed for the free school lunch program this summer. We're accepting monetary donations to purchase lunch supplies. 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 Narthex. For more information, or to volunteer contact Audrey Yann, 618-567-8013 or Carol Kynion, 618-401-8805

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 and would like more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com.



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):

May Shopping list: Peanut butter, juice, jelly, crackers, canned stew, pork & beans, corn beef hash, hamburger/tuna/cheesy helper, deodorant, & body wash

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: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, “People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘To an unknown God.’ What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn’t live in temples made with human hands. Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and find him. In fact, God isn’t far away from any of us. In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, ‘We are his offspring.’

“Therefore, as God’s offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 66:8-20

All you nations, bless our God! Let the sound of his praise be heard! God preserved us among the living; he didn’t let our feet slip a bit.

But you, God, have tested us – you’ve refined us like silver, trapped us in a net, laid burdens on our backs, let other people run right over our heads – we’ve been through fire and water.

But you brought us out to freedom! So I’ll enter your house with entirely burned offerings. I’ll keep the promises I made to you, the ones my lips uttered, the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble. I will offer the best burned offerings to you along with the smoke of sacrificed rams. I will offer both bulls and goats.

Come close and listen, all you who honor God; I will tell you what God has done for me: My mouth cried out to him with praise on my tongue. If I had cherished evil in my heart, my Lord would not have listened. But God definitely listened. He heard the sound of my prayer. Bless God! He didn’t reject my prayer; he didn’t withhold his faithful love from me.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

“I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

