



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 may be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection: Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice evokes an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder follows lightning. ~ **Karl Barth**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In the prayers and the praise,
in the words and the wonder:

ALL: We are given enough joy to live each day.

ONE: In the justice for the oppressed,
in the unexpected generosity for the lost

ALL: We are given enough compassion to use in service each day.

ONE: In the promises made to all,
in the mercy offered to each:

ALL: We are given enough grace to share each day.

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CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

It seems we cannot decide, glorious God. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him with us into the world. We believe the Gospel can transform the lives of others, but struggle to believe that for ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of complainers, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**GLORIA PATRI**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE**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:

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

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HYMN

O God of Every Nation

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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)

Receive our tithes and offerings to your honor and glory, loving God. May fruitful results occur through and beyond our sharing. Call us all into the vineyard of meaningful labor and constructive leisure, that your Word, living through us, may call our neighbors to joyous reunion with you. May we help one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel 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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

St. John's -13 St. Jacob -26

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

Dian Gansmann

Liturgist:

Cameron Woods

Accompanist:

Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson, Jackie Miller, Ethan Rock, and
the family of Bruce Blumer

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

- Peace UCC, Jerseyville - Rev. Debbie Lawson

- Palliative Care Chaplain at BJC St. Louis, MO - Rev. Dr. Chance (Christopher Guelbert) Beeler

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Michael (Mary Ann) Krewson

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Cathy & Ken Frutiger, 53 years, Sept. 22
Audrey & Don Yann, 50 years, Sept. 25
Julie & Wayne Loehring, 18 years, Sept. 26

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY: St. Jacob Council meeting, 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26: Fellowship Breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m., Heritage Hall, all are welcome, freewill offering

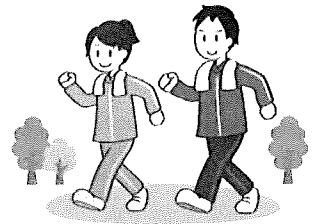
SEPTEMBER 26: Fall workday, 9:30 a.m., St. Jacob UCC

ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SEPT. 27

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School begins at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 27. Class will be held from 9-10 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday thereafter. All children from pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join the fun. To register contact the church office: e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com, 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 walking with our “Walk with God” group, or would like more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com.



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.

FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC OCT. 29

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29 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).

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):

September Shopping list: Spam, pudding cups, canned chicken, pasta sides, canned tuna, corn, canned beef, green beans, household cleaner, & paper towels

October Shopping list: Flour, canned stew, sugar, corn beef hash, vinegar, crackers, coffee, hearty soup, shampoo, & body lotion

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the Lord's glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?" Moses continued, "The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

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.

Then God brought Israel out, filled with silver and gold; not one of its tribes stumbled.
Egypt celebrated when they left, because the dread of Israel had come upon them.

God spread out clouds as a covering; gave lightning to provide light at night.
The people asked, and God brought quail; God filled them full with food from heaven.
God opened the rock and out gushed water – flowing like a river through the desert!
Because God remembered his holy promise to Abraham his servant,

God brought his people out with rejoicing, his chosen ones with songs of joy.
God gave them the lands of other nations; they inherited the wealth of many peoples –
all so that they would keep his laws and observe his instructions.

Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

“Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ And they went.

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

“‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

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.

