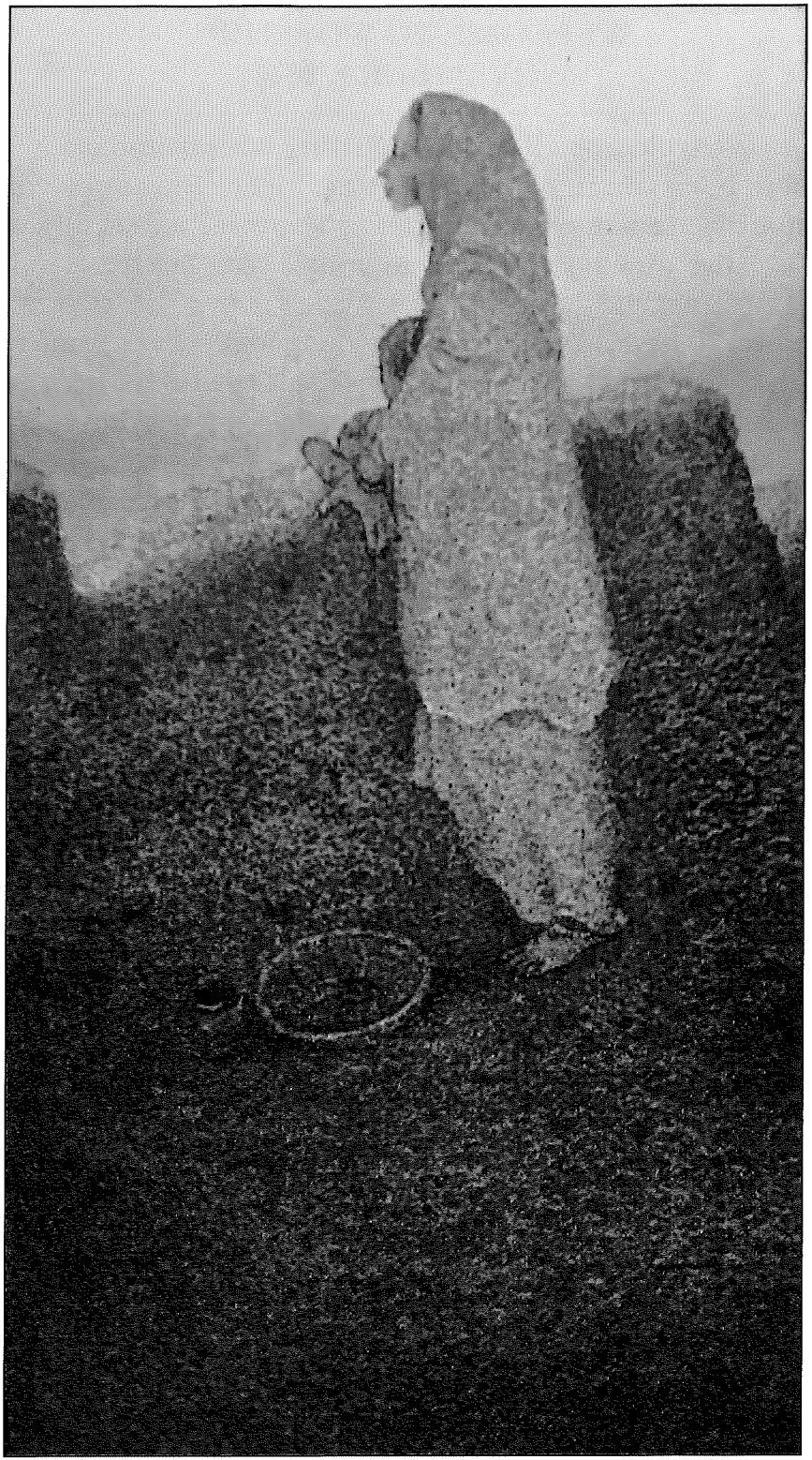


WELCOME TO WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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: "I have often wondered why people never want to put a stone monument of the Eight Beatitudes on a courthouse lawn. Then I realize that the Eight Beatitudes of Jesus would probably not be very good for any war, any macho worldview, the wealthy, or our consumer economy."
~ Richard Rohr, Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: At all times we are called
to bless God's name.
ALL: Our lips filled with praises,
our hearts exult in God.
ONE: The proud will bend knees in worship,
the humble will lift glad songs.
ALL: We are free from our fears,
we have searched for God and been found.
ONE: Our faces glow with thanksgiving,
our spirits overflow with grace.
ALL: God has wiped away our tears,
God has fed us from the storehouse of hope.

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HYMN *You Servants of God* **112**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
We did not listen when Christ spoke, O God. Rich in pride and arrogance, we think we have no need for a kingdom. Taught not to let anyone see us cry, we refuse your comforting arms; seeing the greedy get ahead, we yearn to inherit their hardened hearts; noticing the hungry standing by the roadside, we make sure we get more than our share; taking note of how the merciful are pushed aside, we develop calluses on our souls. Forgive us, Lord, help us see that it is your peacemakers who are able to see you in the poor and broken, those who give themselves to serve others, and those who follow the example of Jesus Christ, our savior and shepherd. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI **734**

TOTENFEST *(insert)* – **HYMN** ***Rejoice in God's Saints*** **531**

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:
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

HYMN ***If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*** **429**

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)*

We worship you night and day, gracious God, in the temple of your universe. So vast is your reality that our minds cannot comprehend, yet your presence is so real that we cannot help but rejoice. You are our refuge and deliverer and our hope for all eternity. May our offerings welcome many to the abundance of your love. Amen.

HYMN ***As We Gather at Your Table*** **695**

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

PRAYER RESPONSE **Into My Heart** **485**

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** ***I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*** **Insert**

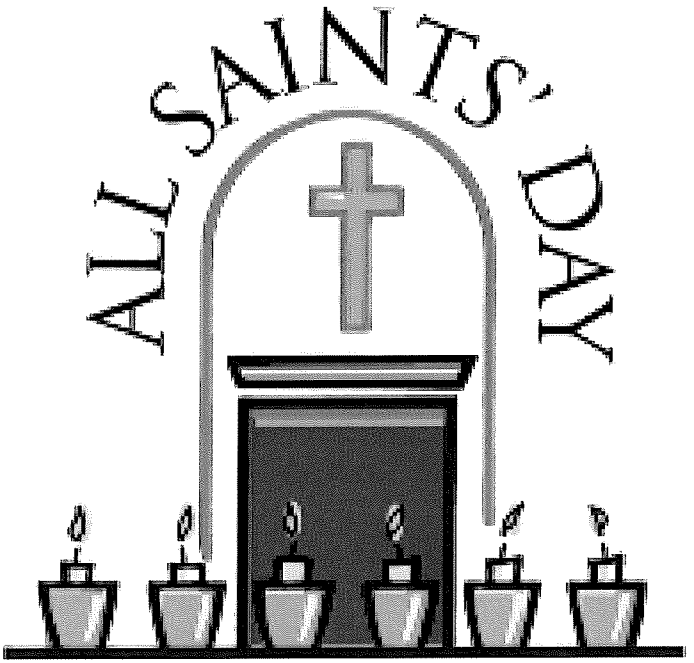
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POSTLUDE

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TOTENFEST

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER



St. Jacob United Church of Christ
November 1, 2026

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:

Alvin "Red" Noll
Bruce Blumer
Darlene Staley
David Schmidt
Harvey Steinkoenig
Judi Simmons

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*** **531**

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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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 25, 2026

St. John's – 11 St. Jacob – 35

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	Rich Erwin
Liturgist	Holden Seger
Accompanist:	Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson, and Jackie Miller

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. Peter's UCC, Murphysboro** - Rev. Dr. Lauren (Greg) Lambert-Goheen
- **St Paul UCC, Nashville** - Rev. Dr. Carol Lange, Interim Pastor

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Karla (Rev. Charles Preston) Frost

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

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: TOTENFEST
TUESDAY: ELECTION DAY
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space
NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall
NOVEMBER 16: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.
NOVEMBER 19: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORMS

"Always With You" sweatshirt/t-shirt order forms are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob. Deadline to submit an order is **MONDAY**. For more information call the office at 618-644-2142, or Rebecca at Trendy Trees at 618-974-7130.

ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m., every second and fourth Sunday. 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.

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 Narthex.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN

This Christmas season, the St. Jacob UCC is teaming up with the Highland Area Christian Service Ministry in support of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign.
The Highland Area Food Pantry will receive 80% of the donations collected to feed our neighbors. Details about the Highland Area Food Pantry:

- **Service Area:** Highland, Grantfork, Alhambra, New Douglas, Pierron, Marine, and St. Jacob
- **Monthly Reach:** 463 unduplicated individuals (January–September 2025 average)
- **Monthly Visits:** 684 total pantry visits per month (households can visit up to twice monthly)
- **Additional Services:** SNAP assistance, LIHEAP, emergency rent and utility help, and seasonal programs like Adopt-A-Family.

For information about volunteering or to donate to the campaign, contact Angela Imming at bellsforfood@gmail.com or call 618-977-5819.

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 Narthex to place the labels.

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):
November Shopping list: Syrup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pancake mix, oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, pudding cups, toilet bowl cleaner, & Mr. Clean
Food Pantry "FILL THE SHELVES" drive-thru food donation drive will be held Nov. 6, from 2 to 6 p.m.; Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Nov. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop off location is 108 E. Dee Street, Lebanon, IL. There will be early drop off bins at the Lebanon and Summerfield Firehouses Nov. 1 through Nov. 5.

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: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth.
I praise the Lord – let the suffering listen and rejoice.
Magnify the Lord with me! Together let us lift his name up high!
I sought the Lord and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed.
This suffering person cried out: the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.
On every side, the Lord's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.
Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!
You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him, because those who honor him don't lack a thing.
Even strong young lions go without and get hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord saves his servants' lives; all those who take refuge in him won't be held responsible for anything.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:

"Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

"Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

"Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

"Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

"Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

"Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.
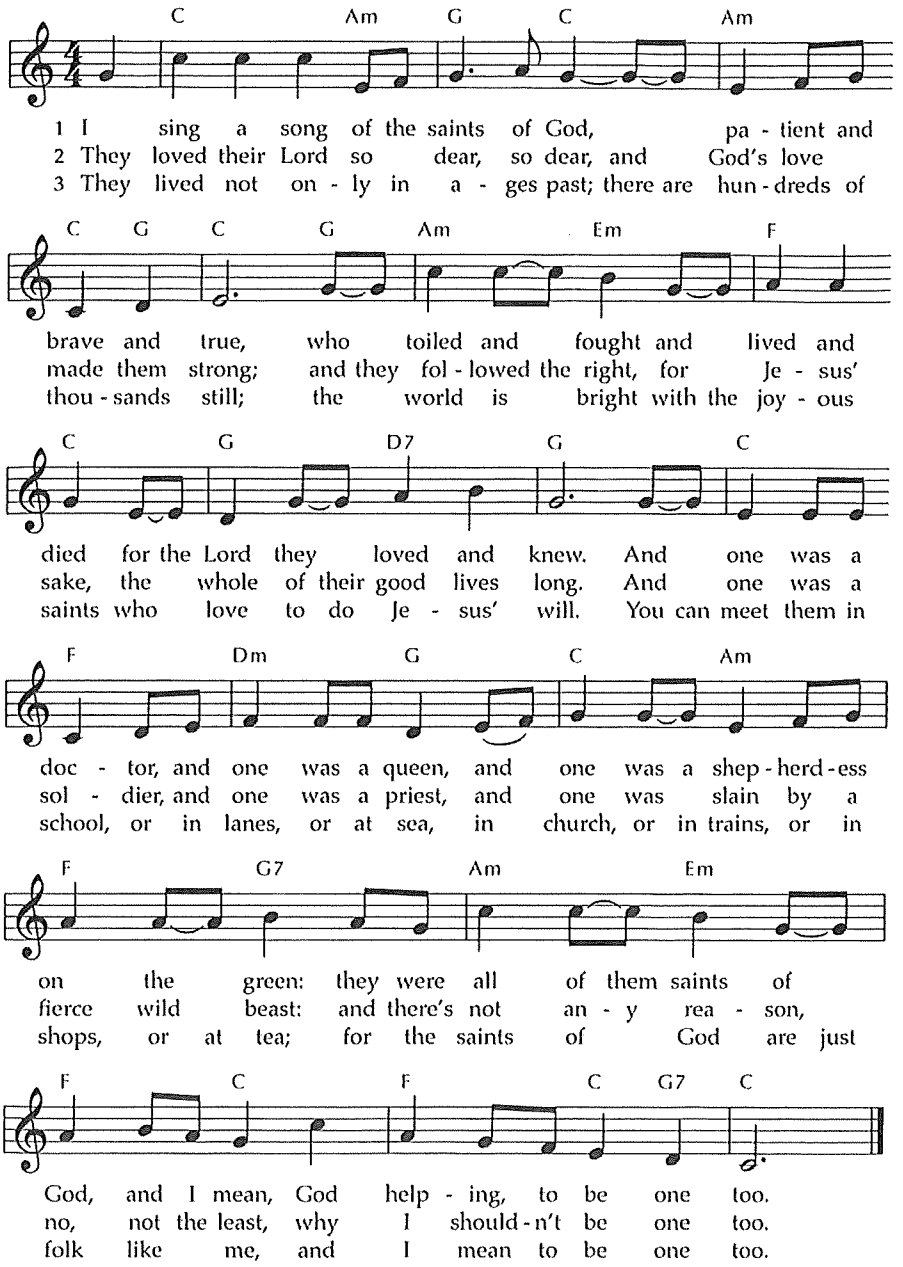
"Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

"Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

"Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

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I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

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