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the  
GOOD  
TREASURE  
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to you*

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 2, 2022

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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:**

"When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee." ~ John Vianney

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS**

### **PRELUDE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God's mercies never end; they are new every morning.

We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

**ALL: We will sing our songs of praise.**

**We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.**

ONE: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go.

Trust God, even when we do not feel like signing.

**ALL: We will commit all our ways to God.**

**We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.**

ONE: By God's grace, we are gathered for worship.

In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

**ALL: We have been called together by the Holy Spirit.**

**We will treasure this special time in sacred space.**

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

O God, we face our world with cowardice. We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice. We want to enjoy privileges not available to others. We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us. The problems around us are overwhelming. The distress within us is staggering. Too often we lash out at others rather than turning to you for guidance and strength. Now, in these moments together, we cry out for help. We want to be your people. We want to live with clear conscience and right spirit. Remake us, loving God. Amen.

**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.

## SCRIPTURES:

Lamentations 1:1-6

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

## HYMN

### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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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*)

We are grateful to you, O God, for the faith we have inherited. We give thanks for the courage and faithfulness of ancestors who suffered for the gospel that we might know your love. We join with them in putting our trust in you. May we match their generosity and self-discipline, seeking above all else to know your will and do it. To that end, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.

## HYMN

### *One Bread, One Body*

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## SACREMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (INSERT)

## 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.*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

ONE: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food,  
we come to this table to know the risen Christ  
in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

### COMMUNION PRAYER

ONE: God be with you

ALL: And also with you

ONE: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith around the world and of every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, who you sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

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: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest!**

**ONE:** Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.

We remember that Jesus ate and drank with the poor and with the wealthy, with the sinful and righteous alike. When he saw the multitude that followed him with nothing to eat, he took some loaves of bread, and a few fish, and after giving thanks to you he divided the bread and gave it to the multitude. And all ate and were filled.

When his arrest seemed near, Jesus sat at table in an upper room, with his closest friends and disciples. As he had done so many times before, he took the bread and after giving thanks to you he shared it among the disciples, vowing to continue his work in spite of the risk. He said, "I will not eat this again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after the meal, he took the cup and after giving thanks he gave it to them saying, "Truly I tell you, I will never drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new with you in the kingdom of God." "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For a time it seemed that all was lost. Jesus was executed by the authorities, and his disciples scattered in fear and despair. But at an evening meal in Emmaus, and at a breakfast campfire by the Sea of

Galilee, Jesus once more took the bread, and after giving thanks to you he divided it and gave it to his disciples, opening their eyes, binding up their wounds, continuing the meal, and revealing plainly that your steadfast love is stronger even than death, and your labor with us continues, for the sake of your realm.

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**ONE:** Holy one, pour out your blessings on this food we have gathered. May it be multiplied like the loaves and fish at Galilee and feed and bless your people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, and on us, your children. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

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

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE**

### **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **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.



# Strawberry Festival Planning

Over the last few years, the number of people working on the Strawberry Festival Committee has been declining and we no longer have enough people to plan and organize such a large festival.

Below is a list of all of the planning and leadership roles that we need to fill to continue having the Strawberry Festival, as well as examples of what the role entails.

The Festival Committee asks that you take a look at these planning roles and find where you can help with planning for the Strawberry Festival.

If you have questions please contact a member of the Strawberry Festival Committee: Carol Kynion, Donna Lowe, Di Rufer, Patti Woods, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

**Advertising** – Facebook postings, Lawn signs, Fliers, Lory Theater advertisement

**Sponsorships** – Soliciting for sponsors, Getting shirts ordered, Thanking sponsors

**Activities** – Bounce houses, Snow Cone, Kettle Corn, Ax throwing & new ideas

**Entertainment** – Scheduling musicians/entertainment, Getting sound equipment

**Crafters** – Soliciting for crafters, Marking spots, Organizing crafters

**Park Coordination** – Securing date, Insurance, Police/security, Ordering Port-a-potty, Leading setup & teardown

**Parking Coordination** – Securing shuttle(s) & driver(s), Recruiting parking helpers

**Raffle** – Raffle Permit from Village, Soliciting for prizes - Printing tickets, Prize draw, Contacting winners, Sending thank you notes to donors

**Food Ordering** – Strawberries

**Food Ordering** – Meat & Refrigeration trucks

**Food Ordering** – All other food & drink items and large beverage coolers.

**Ordering Non-Food Supplies** – Plates, cutlery, carry out containers, etc.

**Financial Coordination** – Recording money coming in, Paying bills, Cash drawers on site, Working with bank (ordering money, ATM, etc.)

**Assisted Living Food Delivery** – Coordinating with Nursing Homes, Packaging and delivering on day

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Coordinating volunteers the week of the festival including cake donations, berry cleaning & preparation, Sunday shift schedules, etc.



**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Council Person

Donna Lowe

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**St. John's:** Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworth's son Sean, and Cindy Roll

**St. Jacob:** Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Erica Kynion, Donna Lowe, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, 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**

-Carbondale Church of the Good Shepherd UCC, Rev. Kim (Dr. Aaron Newcomb) Magwire

-Carlinville St. Paul UCC

**Retired Pastors**

-Rev. Gary and Joyce Kniepkamp, St. Jacob, IL

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Marilyn Warren, Oct. 6

Kay & Paul Guse, 34 years, Oct. 8

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, September 25, 2022

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – 33

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### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(Mondays by appointment)

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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### 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.

**Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry):** Canned stew, canned meat (tuna & chicken), canned chili, Manwich (sloppy joe), Hamburger Helper, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, juice, beans (pork & beans or kidney), sugar (small), Zip-lock bags, & feminine hygiene products

**Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Baked beans, Hamburger Helper, peas, canned potatoes, instant potato pouches, jelly, rice – bags, Ramen noodles, pasta sauce, Manwich, toilet paper, paper towels & deodorant



**Food Pantry  
Needs**

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Oct. 12:** ELFs meet, 10 a.m.

**Oct. 18:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**Oct. 19:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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### **DUBOIS CENTER FALL FESTIVAL TODAY**

Dubois Center Fall Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., TODAY. This family-friendly event features crafters, live music, delicious food, and more. Fall Festival is free to enter – parking is free as well. Activities and food are available for an affordable price. This is a great event for families, church groups, and friends to get outside and enjoy a beautiful fall day at DuBois!

### **VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB**

We would like to develop a list of 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 for anyone interested located on the table in the Narthx.

### **ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL**

St. Jacob Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every first and third Sunday through the school year. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join the fun. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact the church office at 618-644-2142; or email: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com)

### **FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Heritage Hall. The event is sponsored by St. Jacob Township and is free for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township only. Proof of residency is required, and you must be 18 years or older to receive the flu immunization.

**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (Nov.-Dec.) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob UCC

**FIRST LESSON. Lamentations 1:1-6**

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

**SECOND LESSON. 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**GOSPEL. Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

