



The
**WORD
OF
GOD**
is not
chained

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 9, 2022

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:

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

~ Meister Eckhart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing your praise to the glory of God's name.

ALL: Great and awesome are the works of God.
The whole universe sings of God's power.

ONE: Gather to remember all that God has revealed.
Come to discover what God is doing among us.

ALL: God is faithful and just in all things.
The promises of God are trustworthy and true.

ONE: Present your best selves for God's approval.
Work and witness without shame or pretense.

ALL: Bless God, all people, and let our praise be heard.
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns that we have neglected the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We forget the mercy we have received. We are angry when we should be grateful. Restore us to covenant faithfulness. 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:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12 (INSERT)

Luke 17:11-19

HYMN

Sanctuary

INSERT

Words and Music: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

SERMON

HYMN

All Who Love and Serve Your City

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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)*

We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful 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.

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 Foxworthy's son Sean, Cindy Roll, and Joe Tulgestke

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Erica Kynion, 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

- Carlyle Immanuel UCC UCC, Pastor Ken (Barbara) Schafer
- Central City Zion UCC, Rev. Nancy Peebles

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Robert Schmidt, Sherman, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Beth Hanser, Oct. 9
- Kevin Hollis, Oct. 13
- John Lowe, Oct. 13
- Gail Miller, Oct. 13
- Dash Zobrist, Oct. 15

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 2, 2022

St. John's – 13

St. Jacob – 30

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.

St. Jacob Phone: 618-644-2142 / St. Jacob E-mail: stjucc@hometel.com

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Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: pastor@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.

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

Wednesday: ELFs meet, 10 a.m.

Oct. 16: Sunday School, 9-10 a.m., St. Jacob

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

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

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are still 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 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

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 get the immunization.

WURSTMARKTS OCT. 16 & 20

-St. Paul UCC, 123 E. Dee St, Lebanon, IL will hold its 30th annual Wurstmarkt from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 16; drive through only, \$13.

-O'Fallon UCC, 206 West Adams St., O'Fallon, IL, will hold its Wurstmarkt from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., dine-in, carry-out & drive through; adults, \$12, children 4-12, \$7, children 3 and under are free.

Flyers for both events are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthx.

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

OCTOBER 9, 2022

**(C) PROPER 23
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

SECOND LESSON. 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL. Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



Psalm 66:1-12 (Second Lesson)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” *Selah* Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah* Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Sanctuary

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1. Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y,

Chords: F#m/A Em/A D A

The first system of music is in G major, 4/4 time. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and G4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: F#m/A (G4, B4), Em/A (G4, B4), D (G4, B4), and A (G4, B4).

pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing,

Chords: G Em7 D A F#m/A Em/A D

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and G4, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and G4. The piano accompaniment features chords: G (G4, B4), Em7 (G4, B4), D (G4, B4), A (G4, B4), F#m/A (G4, B4), Em/A (G4, B4), and D (G4, B4).

I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Chords: A G F#m/A G/A D

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and G4. The piano accompaniment includes chords: A (G4, B4), G (G4, B4), F#m/A (G4, B4), G/A (G4, B4), and D (G4, B4).

2. Lead Me on Lord from temptation,
Purify me from within.
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit,
Take away all my sin.

3. Lord, teach your children to stop the fighting,
And start uniting all as one.
Let's get together, loving forever,
A sanctuary for You.

Repeat Verse 1

WORDS and MUSIC: John Thompson (1950-) and Randy Scruggs (20th c.)

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.

