



*At the
name of Jesus*



*every knee
should bend*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 10, 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:

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.” ~ Martin Luther

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**ALL: This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

ONE: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**ALL: We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.
We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

ONE: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
Enter to praise God’s marvelous works.

**ALL: God’s steadfast love endures forever!
Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name.**

* HYMN

Hosanna

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really want to be Christians. O God, help us! 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:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 19: 28-40

SERMON

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS *(INSERT)*

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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)*

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to your altar, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. 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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith

John: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

ALL: I believe in God.

John: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ.

John: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Address & Question about Participation

Welcome and Reception

John: Let us, the members of St. Jacob United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

ALL: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.

John: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of St. Jacob United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian Love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Prayer

*** HYMN**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Kay Guse

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Chad Cruthis, Nancy McCaw, Cindy Roll

St. Jacob: Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Ross Busher, Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Carol Schmitt, Liam Tedford 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

-Jamestown St. Paul UCC

-Jerseyville Peace UCC, Rev. Debbie Lawson

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Diane Grohmann, New Athens, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Katie Yann, April 10

Ken Frutiger, April 11

Kristie Daniel & Kristen Hill, April 12

Marlene Robison, April 14

Wally Foxworthy, April 15

Pat May & Gary Rufer, April 16

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, April 3, 2022

St. John's – 17

St. Jacob – 40

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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-DELIVERY APRIL 16**

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday: ELF's meeting, 10 a.m.

Thursday: Maundy Thursday meal & service, 6:15 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL & SERVICE

We will serve a Maundy Thursday meal (stew), at 6:15 p.m. Thursday in Heritage Hall. Brotherhood and youth group will begin cutting up vegetables and stew meat Wednesday at 6 p.m., anyone interested in helping is welcome. Dinner includes stew, applesauce, and biscuits. ELF's are providing desserts. Maundy Thursday worship service will follow the dinner.

PIZZA ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP TODAY

For all those who participated in our pizza fundraiser, your pizzas will be available for pick-up following service today at St. Jacob.

ELFS LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT DONATIONS DUE TODAY

Our ELF group has adopted a mission project in conjunction with our Lenten season. The ELF's will be collecting and distributing items to the Samaritan House in Granite City, which is a shelter for women and children, and to Highland Health Care. There is a board set up in the vestibule with needed items. Deadline to donate is today. Items collected will be delivered before Easter.

STRAWBERRY FEST NEEDS WORKERS & DONATIONS

We are preparing for our 38th Annual Strawberry Festival and are seeking volunteer workers for the event, as well as raffle donations. The event will be held May 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park & St. Jacob UCC parking lot. Sign-up forms to work the event are located on the table in the Narthx. For more information or to provide a raffle donation contact a festival committee member or call the church office at 618-644-2142.

STRAWBERRY FEST SHUTTLE NEEDED

Do you have a business that has a tractor, flat bed, or some other type of wagon you would be willing to provide for us to use at the Strawberry Festival? We will consider listing you as a sponsor if you are able to provide this service. For more information contact Dawn Mersinger at 618-792-4316.

APRIL 10, 2022

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**LITURGY OF THE PALMS
LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND LESSON. Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL. Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

