

It is
the Lord!



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 1, 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.

WELCOME TO REV. LOUIS FLUCK

We welcome Rev. Louis Fluck who is serving as our pulpit supply pastor today.
Please greet Reverend Fluck following worship. Pastor Phil will be back in the
pulpit next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

ALL: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

ONE: Extol the one who lifts up from defeat.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

ALL: God sees and hears our weeping.

God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

ONE: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

ALL: We have cried to you in our need, O God.

We believe you are working to make us whole.

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

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. 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.

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 15: 33-39 *(INSERT)*

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

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SERMON

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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 our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.

HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

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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.

At his final meal with his disciples, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus did the same with the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

ONE: 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.

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.*

* HYMN

Go Forth for God

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Jason Schmidt

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz,
Jane Schmidt, Liam Tedford, and Carol Zweck

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Darren Schmitt, May 1
Tiffany & Vic Duncan, 20 years, May 4

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, April 24, 2022

St. John's – 11

St. Jacob – 37

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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

-Marion UCC, Rev. Phil (Sandee) Kershner

-Marion Zion UCC, Rev. John (Sara) Holst

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Louis Fluck, Marion, IL

DUBOIS 6.0: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

DuBois Center turns 60 in 2022. While the first 60 years have been great, DuBois Center needs some maintenance and expansion to get it ready for the next 60. DuBois has begun a Capital Campaign with a goal **\$225,290** to meet those needs. Current donations are at **\$76,190.21**, thanks to many generous donors, they're on their way to meeting that goal. For more information on these projects including descriptions and estimates please visit: <https://iscucc.org/dubois-6-0-campaign>. Donations may be sent to the Illinois South Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249 or online at the Conference or DuBois Center websites: www.iscucc.org and www.DuBoisCenter.org.

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 8, Mother's Day: Fellowship breakfast, 8:30 a.m., St. Jacob

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 T-SHIRT ORDERS

Strawberry Festival T-Shirts are ready to order. Thanks to Kelly Tracy for the awesome design. Thank you to all our great sponsors. You may place your order at the following link. <https://stores.inksoft.com/strawberryfest/shop/home>

STRAWBERRY FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to make potato salad for Strawberry Festival. We will provide the eggs and potatoes, that will need to be boiled and peeled ahead of time. Volunteers can pick up the eggs and potatoes on Mother's Day following the service. Potatoes and eggs need to be returned boiled and peeled to the church by 9 a.m., Thursday, May 12. We will begin preparing the potato salad at 9 a.m., May 12, and we still need volunteers to help with that as well.

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR STRAWBERRY FEST

We need cake donations for Strawberry Festival; they may be homemade, or store bought. Please drop them off at the church from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14, or by 9 a.m. Sunday, May 15.

STRAWBERRY FEST RAFFLE TICKETS

Strawberry Festival raffle tickets are available on the table in the Narthx. If you know any businesses who would still like to donate a prize for the raffle, have them reach out to DiAnn Rufer or call the office at 618-644-2142. An updated list of all prizes will be available at the Strawberry Festival.

STRAWBERRY FEST SHUTTLE NEEDED

We are still in need of a tractor, flat bed, or some other type of wagon 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.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please volunteer to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx.

Mark 15: 33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land^[a] until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"^[b] ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he^[c] breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"^[d]