



*Those  
who are  
written in  
the Lamb's  
book of life*

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 22, 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:

“Nature is not a place to visit. It is home.” ~ Gary Snyder

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.

Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**ALL: We have come to hear the Word of God.**

**We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**

ONE: Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.

Be glad together and sing for joy.

**ALL: Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.**

**Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

ONE: God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

We are invited to make our home with the living God.

**ALL: May God's ways be known within and among us.**

**May God guide all nations in ways of peace.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. 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:

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14: 23-29

## HYMN

### *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

### *For the Healing of the Nations*

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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*)

For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and an evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. 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

Jason Schmidt

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

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

**St. Jacob:** Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz,  
Jane Schmidt, 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**

-Moro St. John's of Midway, Rev. Lori (Wayne) Schafer and Rev. Nancy Brooks,  
Sabbatical Pastor

-SIH Cancer Institute & Trauma Center, Rev. Barbara Patten

**Retired Pastors**

- Rev. Dr. Richard and Johann Ellerbrake, Lebanon, IL

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

Mason Shirley, May 27

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, May 15, 2022

St. John's – 16

St. Jacob – No Service

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### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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### **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 Center has begun a Capital Campaign with a goal of \$225,290 to meet those needs. Current donations are at \$173,086, 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](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).

### **DUBOIS CENTER OFFERS SUMMER CAMPS**

DuBois Center will offer a variety of residential summer camp sessions for campers ages 5-18 this summer. Camp sessions will include campfires, crafts, waterfront time and more. Many of our camp sessions have themes – if your talents and interests lie with sports, swimming, horses, science, art, or “a little of everything” – we have a session for you! For information on camp sessions, visit:

<https://duboiscenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/summer-2022-schedule.pdf>

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – THANK YOU!**

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Strawberry Festival a success. If you helped in any way – to plan, prepare food, serve food, with the raffle, parking and the other activities, know that the Festival could not have happened without your commitment.

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL MEAT**

We have 3, 10-pound bags of uncooked bratwurst and 8 boxes of uncooked pork burgers in the freezer. If you would like a bag or a box, both are being sold for \$40 per bag/box. If you are interested, reach out to a member of the Strawberry Festival committee, or call Ed Ferguson at the office Tuesdays, or Thursdays, 618-644-2142.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SET FOR JULY 12**

St. Jacob UCC Vacation Bible School returns this year and will be held July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome -- learning and activities for youth ages 3 (potty trained) to 11 years; and opportunities to serve for ages 12 and older. The theme is *“Making a Big Splash with Jesus.”* To register, e-mail the church office at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com) by July 1.

### **2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are planning on printing a 2022 church directory later this year, as our last one was printed in 2005. We will be scheduling appointments to have individual & family portraits taken in 15-minute increments each Tuesday and Thursday (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) throughout June and Sundays (from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) June 5, 19 & 26. The portraits will be taken in Heritage Hall. There will be no sales pitch to purchase portraits, as they are being taken by our very own Ed Ferguson. To schedule your appointment call Ed at 618-644-2142 or stop by the church office Tuesdays or Thursdays (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

### **LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

**FIRST LESSON. Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**SECOND LESSON. Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**GOSPEL. John 14:23-29**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

