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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 8, 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:** "Mother's Day is for every woman who holds nothing back...  
who gives her heart, soul, and energy to those she cares about and still finds a way  
to love them more every single day." ~ Andrew Blackburn

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;  
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

ALL: God awakens us and restores our souls.  
Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

ONE: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.  
We are invited to a higher quality of life.

ALL: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.  
God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

ONE: Come to drink from springs of living water  
Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

ALL: Surely God will guide our search for truth.  
We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

### \* HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. O God, do you hear 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:

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23 (INSERT)

John 10:22-30

### HYMN

### *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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## SERMON

### HYMN

### *He Leadeth Me*

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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*)

Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever! 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

### *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person  
Accompanist

Jason Schmidt  
Melissa Taylor

## 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

**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

-Marine UCC, Rev. Phil (Sandee) Kershner  
-Marion Zion UCC, Rev. John (Sara) Holst

### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Louis Fluck, Marion, IL

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Pat May, 46 years, May 8  
Ann Becker, May 8  
Darik & Carla Zobrist, 13 years, May 9  
Harvey Steinkoenig, May 10  
Grace Leder, May 11  
Janette Fox, 101 years, May 12  
Ty Gansmann, May 16  
Karen & Joe Schultze, 52 years, May 16  
Shelly Bittle, May 17  
Duane Woods, May 19  
Jason Shirley, May 21

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, May 1, 2022**

St. John's – 10

St. Jacob – 25

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

Secretary's office hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## **CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday:** ELFs meet at 10 a.m., lunch @ Agavero Grill and Cantina in Collinsville

**Thursday:** Pastor Phil will be out of the office

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### **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.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**FIRST LESSON. Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**SECOND LESSON. Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**GOSPEL. John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).