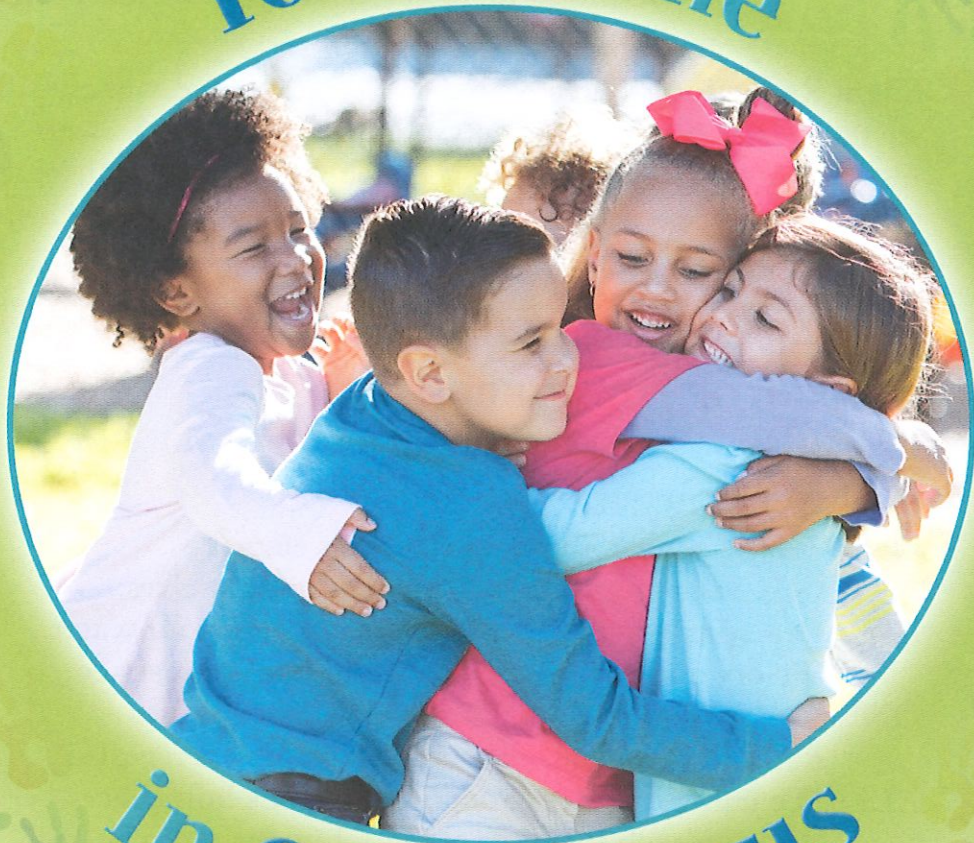


You are one



in Christ Jesus

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

June 19, 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:** "Pure love is a willingness to give, without a thought of receiving anything in return. Love God: turn to God with receptiveness and responsiveness. Love your fellow human beings: turn to them with friendliness and givingness. Make yourself fit to be called a child of God by living the way of love."

~ Peace Pilgrim

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

**ALL: Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.**

**We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.**

ONE: God seldom comes as earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

**ALL: We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.**

**We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.**

ONE: All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

**ALL: Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.**

**Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change 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:

1 Kings 19: 1-15a

Galatians 3: 23-29

Luke 8: 26-39

## HYMN

### *We Are Called to Be God's People*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

### *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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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*)

God of all times and places, may our offerings reflect confidence, not cowardice; altruism, not egotism; inclusiveness, not exclusiveness. We devote them to bringing all humanity into harmony with your purposes. May the programs we undertake build up the body of Christ among us and far beyond us. 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

### *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Dian Gansmann

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, Ken Frutiger, Brian Meyer, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry 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

-O'Fallon UCC, Rev. Dr. Martha Thierheimer

-Ohlman St. Paul's UCC, Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance

### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Linda and Bob Coulson, Palm Coast, FL



**CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, June 12, 2022**

**St. John's – 13**

**St. Jacob – 41**

**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.

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Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: [pastor@hometel.com](mailto:pastor@hometel.com)

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS**

Audrey Bolk, June 21

Jerry & Carol Schmitt, 59 years, June 22

Gary & DiAnn Rufer, 48 years, June 23

Margie & Wally Foxworthy, 15 years, June 23

Lola Kelley, June 25



## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

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### **VOLUNTEERS, DESSERTS NEEDED FOR SOS SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve meals July 7 at SOS Soup Kitchen, Collinsville, IL. Volunteers will meet at Collinsville UCC at 4 p.m., and start serving at 5:30 p.m. Also, we need people to donate homemade desserts too. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Dawn Mersinger, 618-792-4316.

### **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 office at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com) by July 1.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are still needed to help with the free school lunch program this summer. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Thursdays and Fridays. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob grade school. Volunteers will be needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow time to assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. To volunteer call Judy Bolton at 618-830-0526.

### **2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are planning on printing a 2022 church directory later this year, as our last one was printed in 2005. We are scheduling appointments to have individual & family portraits taken in 15-minute increments each Tuesday and Thursday (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) through July; Wednesday (5 to 7 p.m.), June 22 & 29 and Sunday (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) June 26 and July 3, 10 & 17. **Deadline to schedule appoints is July 28.** Portraits will be taken in Heritage Hall. To schedule your appointment, you can choose your timeslot on the appointment book located on the table in the Narthx following service, or you may call Ed at the office at 618-644-2142.

**JUNE 19, 2022**

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**PROPER 7  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**FIRST LESSON. 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a**

**SECOND LESSON. Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**GOSPEL. Luke 8:26-39**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

