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by the *Spirit*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

June 26, 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: "The yoke is hard because the teachings of Jesus are radical: enemy love, unconditional forgiveness, extreme generosity. The yoke is easy because it is accessible to all — the studied and the ignorant, the rich and the poor, the religious and the nonreligious. Whether we like it or not, love is available to all people everywhere to be interpreted differently, applied differently, screwed up differently, and manifested differently." ~ Rachel Held Evans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Call to mind the mighty acts of God.

Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

ALL: All the ways of God are holy.

Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.

ONE: With a strong arm, God redeems the people.

Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd's care.

ALL: Even when the earth trembles, God is with us.

When lightning flashes, we are confident of God's care.

ONE: We have inherited the mission of the prophets.

We need the prophet's mantle from our God.

ALL: We have come to be equipped for our tasks.

We have gathered for renewal of our lives.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, we are so self-centered that we cannot be centered selves. We are so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart. We consume other people instead of loving them. We bite and devour while you call us to build relationships and delight in your love. Set us free. O, God, from the sin that binds 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:

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62

HYMN

Jesus Call Us o'er the Tumult

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SERMON

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*insert*)

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*)

Gracious God, we did not know it would cost so much or feel so good to follow Jesus. We are grateful that we have so much to give and so much yet to learn. We dedicate our offerings so that we and our neighbors may be equipped for life in your realm. Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

PASTOR: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

ALL: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

PASTOR: There is one faith, one baptism, and one creator of us all. Jesus came to John to be baptized by him, but John tried to make Jesus change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "yet you have come to me!"

ALL: Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

PASTOR: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God coming down like a dove.

ALL: Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own Son with whom I am well pleased."

ADDRESS

PASTOR: Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry to the world.

Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. It marks the reconciling of people to God. It shows the death of self and the rising to a life of community and praise. It also shows the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen.

In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

ALL: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

PASTOR: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

ALL: We promise our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

PASTOR: Do you believe in God?

ALL: I believe in God.

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ.

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

PASTOR: Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

RITE OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

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

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1864 | Music: Louis M. Gottschalk 1854; arr. Edwin P. Parker, c. 1888

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Dian Gansmann

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

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, Carol Zweck, and DiAnn Rufer's friend Karen

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

-Okawville St. Paul UCC

-Okawville St. Peter's UCC, Rev. Jeffrey (Sara) Schwab

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Earl and Johanna Crecelius, Freeburg, IL

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, June 19, 2022

St. John's – 10

St. Jacob – 42

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Mondays by appointment)

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Dalton Mersinger, June 26

Micah Lowe, June 28

Onis Zweck, June 28

Thomas Belcher, July 1

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>

*** SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:** There are church-sponsored scholarships available for anyone interested in attending summer camp at Dubois this year. If you are interested in attending camp and would like more information on available scholarships, contact the church office by phone: 618-644-2142, or e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 12. 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: stjucc@hometel.com by Friday, 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, June 29 (5 to 7 p.m.), and Sunday (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) June 26 and July 3, 10 & 17. **Deadline to schedule appointments is Thursday, 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 618-644-2142.

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (July-August) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx.

FIRST LESSON. 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

SECOND LESSON. Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL. Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, dawn up -
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, glow with -
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, fill and
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Peace di - vine, still this
 5. Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, glad - den



1. on this soul of mine. Voice of God, and
 2. in this heart of mine. Kin - dle ev - 'ry
 3. nerve this will of mine. Bold - ly may I
 4. rest - less heart of mine. Speak to calm this
 5. now this heart of mine. In the de - sert



1. in - ward Light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 2. high de - sire, pur - i - fy me with your fire.
 3. al - ways live, brave - ly serve and glad - ly give.
 4. toss - ing sea, grant me your tran - quil - i - ty.
 5. ways I sing, spring, O liv - ing Wa - ter, spring!

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