



*There is need
of only
one thing*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 17, 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:

"If we let ourselves, we shall always be waiting for some distraction or other to end before we can really get down to our work." ~ C. S. Lewis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, people of faith, trusting God's steadfast love.
Take refuge in the eternal presence.

ALL: We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.
We seek to rely on a power beyond ourselves.

ONE: Gather in silent awe before the source of all things.
Climb God's holy hill, giving thanks.

ALL: It is not easy to have faith in one we do not know.
It is frightening to realize God's sovereign power.

ONE: Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the one in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

ALL: We are the church, gathered in Christ's name.
We are the body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully.

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

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by your expectation of us. We realize that our busy striving after things has dulled our awareness of you. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny you and hurt other people. Sometimes our success tramples the needy and brings ruin to the poor. Even our benevolence becomes self-serving. O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel. Help us, we pray. 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:

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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SERMON

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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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*)

Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We turn from false securities to put our confidence in you, that the mystery of your glorious Word may be opened up among all your people. 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

To God Be the Glory

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person
Accompanist

John Zweck
Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworth's son Sean, Nancy McCaw, and Cindy Roll

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

-Smithton St. John's UCC, Rev. Andy (Kristin) Wilson
-St. Jacob UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Wesley and Doris Bornemann, Fenton, MO

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, July 10, 2022

St. John's – 11

St. Jacob – 40

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

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Marlene Robison, 53 years, July 18

DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DuBois Center Capital Campaign has raised more than \$190,000, nearing its goal of \$225,290. Several projects have been completed; and several other projects have been funded but not yet completed so as not to interfere with kids at camp. **Projects completed:** Oak Lodge HVAC, Oak Lodge windows, office windows, rustic cabin, program director's house improvements **Projects funded, but not yet completed:** Deep water solar lake aerator, boat house solar power, fence painted. For more information 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

Tuesday (rescheduled): ELF's meet at 10 a.m. (group photo scheduled).

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

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

July 27-August 2: Pastor Phil on vacation

July 31: Guest preacher

2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO DEADLINE IS JULY 28

We are planning on publishing 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 10-minute increments each Tuesday and Thursday (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) through July; and today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. **Deadline to schedule appointments is Thursday, July 28.** Portraits will be taken in Heritage Hall. To schedule an appointment, you can choose your timeslot on the appointment book located on the table in the Narthx following service, or you may call 618-644-2142. If you are unable to make an appointment by the deadline, and you would like to be included in the directory, you may submit your own picture/high-resolution image either by e-mailing it to: stjucc@hometel.com or dropping off your print/image at the office Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., before Aug. 2. We hope to get as many of our church family included as possible.

HOYLETON'S BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Donations are being requested for Hoyleton's Back to School Supply Drive. School is just around the corner and Hoyleton is on a mission to make sure every child has the supplies they need for their education. Please drop your donations off NLT July 31 at the back of the Sanctuary at St. John's and in the office area behind the Sanctuary at St. Jacob. *See the insert for the supply list, and additional details.*

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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

FIRST LESSON. Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!” Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

SECOND LESSON. Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL. Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”



Psalm 52 (First Lesson)

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth.*Selah* You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.*Selah* The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, “See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!” But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

