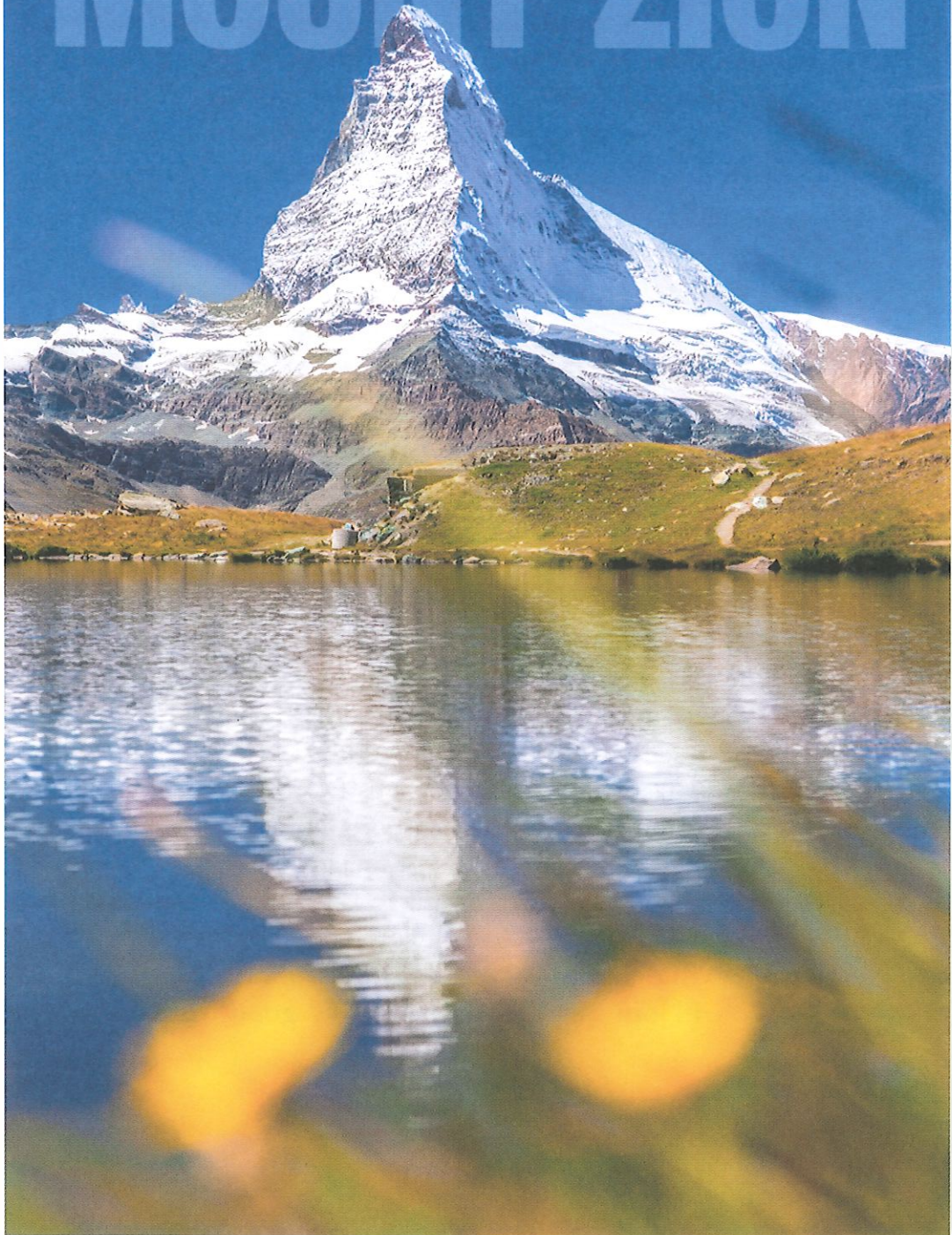


YOU HAVE COME TO
MOUNT ZION



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 21, 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: "...it is presumptuous in me to wish to choose my path, because I cannot tell which path is best for me. I must leave it to the Lord, who knows me, to lead me by the path which is best for me, so that in all things His will may be done." ~ Saint Teresa of Avila, *Interior Castle* (1588)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.

Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

ALL: **The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth.**

We expect to be changed by God's message to us.

ONE: God rescues us from cruelty and injustice.

In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

ALL: **We remember the rich heritage we have received.**

We give thanks for God's grace and mercy.

ONE: This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.

How will we honor God in word and deed?

ALL: **We will delight in the Word and works of our God.**

We will join together in praise and good works.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We bow in awe before you, powerful God. We have forgotten that you are in charge of the earth. We have neglected the brothers and sisters you have called us to love. We want them to conform to our way of doing things rather than reaching out to them where they are. We would rather ignore them than feel obligated to help. Sometimes we would rather continue our own crippled existence than call on you for help. O God, we need your mercy. 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:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalms 71: 1-6 *(insert)*

Luke 13: 10-17

HYMN

Lord of the Dance

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SERMON

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

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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)*

O God, we cannot forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all you have given us and for all you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others. May healing come to all who suffer and freedom be granted to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world. 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

Here I Am Lord

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Beth Hanser

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz,
Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, Carol Zweck, the family of Udell Cook,
and the family of Roger Riggs

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

-Waterloo Zion UCC St. Joe, Rev. Patrick (Kathy) Poole

-Wood River St. John UCC, Pastor John Pawloski

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Fred and Shirley Wehrenberg, Columbia, IL

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, August 14, 2022

St. John's – 19

St. Jacob – 34

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

Nancy McCaw, Aug. 22

Evagene Gusewelle, Aug. 23

Rusty Schiefer, Aug. 24

Ron Rujawitz, Aug. 26

Carla Zobrist, Aug. 27

DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DuBois Center Capital Campaign has raised \$201,701, 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERAL FOR UDELL COOK

Visitation: Today (Sunday) - 4 to 7 p.m. at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland; and Monday - 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Jacob UCC

Funeral: Monday - 11 a.m. at St. Jacob UCC; Internment to follow at Keystone Cemetery, and then a luncheon at Heritage Hall.

BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 28

The ELFs organization, in conjunction with Korte Meat Processing, Inc., are offering you a chance to win one of three bundles of barbeque meats in exchange for your donation. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Ticket packets have been mailed out, and additional ticket packets are available on the table in the Narthx for you to sell to friends, family, or purchase yourself. The proceeds will be used to purchase a communion table. The drawing will be held immediately following worship Aug. 28, where three lucky winners' names will be drawn. You can drop your donation/tickets in the Barbeque safe in the foyer at church or mail them to the church office at: 207 West Main Street. St. Jacob, IL 62281.

RALLY DAY SET FOR SEPT. 18

Mark your calendar to join St. Jacob UCC for an outdoor worship, lunch and games on Sunday, September 18th. Bring a chair and enjoy the special music and worship leadership provided by the drummers of *Sheltered Reality*.

HALO PROGRAM NEEDS GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Hoyelton's HALO program needs gift card donations. HALO provides resources, counseling and mentoring to high-risk youth/young adults ages 11-25. Youth are at-risk or confirmed survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Gift cards should be in denominations of \$10. You may leave the gift cards in the offering plate or drop them in the basket on the table in the St. Jacob Narthx.

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (Sept-Oct) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob UCC

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL. Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Psalm 71: 1-6

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

