

*By faith*



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Aug. 7, 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:**

"The Kingdom of God is not a matter of getting individuals to heaven, but of transforming the life on earth into the harmony of heaven."

~ Walter Rauschenbusch

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Gather before God, people of the covenant.

Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

**ALL: God has summoned us to this place.**

**We believe God will speak to us here.**

ONE: Come to honor God and give thanks.

Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

**ALL: We come as willing and obedient servants.**

Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.

ONE: God calls us as workers for justice.

God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

**ALL: We are here to be equipped for ministry.**

**We expect to be empowered for our service.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored. 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:

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

## HYMN

### *We Walk By Faith*

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## SERMON

## 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*)

Thank you, God, for welcoming us into your caring realm, where we claim the needs of others as our concern. We are finding a homeland in your service and we are grateful. Above all, may our offerings be an outpouring of thanksgiving for a God who does not forget us. Your promises are sure and your faithfulness is to all generations.

## HYMN

### *I Come With Joy*

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION

ONE: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this  
table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

ONE: God be with you

**ALL: And also with you**

ONE: Lift up your hearts

**ALL: We lift them to God.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

ONE: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the  
farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.  
We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith around the  
world and of every generation who have given themselves to your will, and  
especially for Jesus Christ, who you sent from your own being as our Savior.  
We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the  
calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.  
Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we  
unite our prayers with the entire family of your faithful people, everywhere  
and in every time:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest!**

ONE: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.

At his final meal with his disciples, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus did the same with the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, and on us, your children.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

**ALL: Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE**

### **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (unison)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

### *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Dawn Mersinger

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworth's son Sean, Cindy Roll, and the family of Vernon Zotz

**St. Jacob:** Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Ken Frutiger, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, 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

-Trenton St. John UCC, Rev. Christy Eckert

-Troy Friedens UCC, Rev. Tim (Danielle) Harrison

### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Robert and Doris Utke, St. Paul, MN

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, July 31, 2022

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – 30

### 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

Charlie Kynion, Aug. 7

Paul Guse, Aug. 9

Susan Schmidt, Aug. 12

### DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DuBois Center Capital Campaign has raised more than \$198,000, 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](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday: ELF's meet at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 16: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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### **BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 28**

The ELF's 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*.

### **BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION**

The ELF's organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthx to place the labels.

### **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. Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD; though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**GOSPEL. Luke 12:32-40**

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

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gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

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none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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*Gloria to God 817*

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# Pastor Phil's Annual Review

As Pastor Phil completes his first year of ministry with our churches, we would like to gather everyone's perspective on his performance. Responses will only be viewed by the members of the Pastoral Review Team and will be used to prepare our evaluation of Pastor Phil.

Please take time to answer the following questions (on both sides) and return to the envelope on the bulletin board at St. John's or the box in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

1) What do you see as Pastor Phil's greatest accomplishment(s) his first year?

2) What suggestion(s) do you have for areas needing more attention?

3) Please list any new ideas that you would enjoy during or outside of worship.