



There will be
more joy in heaven
over one sinner
who repents

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 11, 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:

"Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again." ~ **Saint Augustine**

ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.
Who is seeking after God above all else?

**ALL: We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth;
we reach out to be strengthened for service.**

ONE: The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse.
They sweep through our midst in judgment.

**ALL: Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our sin.
Do not let your wrath burn against us.**

ONE: Remember your promises to us, O God.
Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

**ALL: We seek to know you and to grow in understanding.
Confront us here and light our way out of the void.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We have been fools. We have said in our hearts, “There is no God.” Our deeds deny you. Our plans do not include you. We grumble and complain, criticizing those who embody your love for all people. We have turned aside from the way you commanded. Our greed is robbing this fruitful land and creating a desert. The world is full of suffering people whom we ignore. O God, is there hope for 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:

Psalm 51:1-10 *(insert)*
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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SERMON

HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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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)*

Because we have been blessed by you, O God, we are delighted to share. Because there are many who do not enjoy your bounty, we search for ways to help them. Thank you for showing us the way of mercy and patient example, the way of generosity and self-forgetful service, the way of faithfulness and joyous celebration. Bless us and our offerings, we pray. 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

Amazing Grace

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Duane Woods

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

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, and the family of
Wayne Frutiger

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

-Belleville St. Paul UCC, Rev. Michelle (Aaron Brent Coleman) Torigian

-Belleville Trinity UCC, Pastor Tim (Shea) Powers-Reed

Retired Pastor

Rev. Donald and Anne Sabbert, Crestwood, MO

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, September 4, 2022

St. John's – 8

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 & ANNIVERSARIES

Karen Schultze, Sept. 11

Ella Boggy, Sept. 14

Carol Kynion, Sept. 14

Don Hanser, Sept. 15

DUBOIS CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Dubois Center Fall Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 2. This family-friendly event features crafters, live music, delicious food, and more. DuBois Center is looking for volunteers to help setup Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 as well as volunteers to help on the day of Fall Fest, Oct. 2. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up at <https://duboiscenter.org/volunteer-at-fall-festival/>.

CREATE A (\$50+) BASKET FOR DUBOIS FALL FESTIVAL

Dubois Center invites you to make and donate an upscale basket (\$50+) for their Fall Festival Oct. 2. The basket needs to be delivered to St. Paul UCC, Waterloo before Oct. 1, or to DuBois either Oct. 1 or before 10 a.m., Oct. 2. For more information contact Audrey Hicks at 618-939-8673 or audhicks@hotmail.com.

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS TODAY

Sunday School returns today and will be held each Sunday during the 8:45 a.m. service.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SEPT. 18

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will kick off at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 18. Class will be held from 9-10 a.m. every first and third Sunday thereafter. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join the fun. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact the church office at 618-644-2142; or email: stjucc@hometel.com

RALLY DAY SET FOR SEPT. 18

Join us at St. Jacob UCC for Rally Day, featuring outdoor worship at 10:15 a.m. Sept. 18, in the back parking lot, with special music and worship leadership provided by the drummers of *Sheltered Reality*. Bring a comfortable chair, enjoy some great music, stay for lunch, bingo and other games to celebrate return of Sunday School.

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We would like to develop a list of volunteers who would be willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested located on the table in the Narthx. The plan is to begin Sept. 25, the Sunday after Rally Day and continue through Nov. 20, the Sunday before Advent. If all goes well, we will continue from there.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry): Canned stew, canned meat (tuna & chicken), canned chili, Manwich (sloppy joe), Hamburger Helper, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, juice, beans (pork & beans or kidney), sugar (small), Zip-lock bags, & feminine hygiene products

Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited): Manwich (sloppy joe), canned pasta, pork & beans, saltine crackers, & jelly

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. “For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

SECOND LESSON. 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL. Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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Psalm 51:1-10 (First Lesson)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

