

They are
to do good, to be
rich in good works,
generous, and
ready to share



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 25, 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:

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what
you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." ~ Epicurus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.
Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

ALL: God reigns through all generations.
We will praise God as long as we live.

ONE: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress.
We can count on God's faithfulness at all times.

ALL: God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid.
We call to God for protection and rescue.

ONE: Worship God, who richly provides us with all things.
Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

ALL: God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever.
We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.

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

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we are. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. 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 91:1-6, 14-16 *(insert)*

1 Timothy 6:6-9

Luke 16:19-31

HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

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SERMON

HYMN

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

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)*

What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community and in outreach throughout the world. Make us aware of the needy at our doors as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. 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**

A Charge to Keep I Have

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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, Erica Kynion, Donna Lowe, 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

-Brighton St. John's UCC, Rev. John Pawloski

Retired Pastors

-Rev. Jack Spratte and Barbara VanAusdall, Mascoutah, IL

-Rev. Paul Thompson, Jr., Red Bud, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Audrey & Don Yann, 46 years, Sept. 25

Diane Frey, Sept. 28

Don Yann, Sept. 29

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, September 18, 2022

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – 34

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

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



Food Pantry Needs

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We would like to develop a list of volunteers 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 today and continue through Nov. 20, the Sunday before Advent. If all goes well, we will continue from there.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Jacob Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every first and third Sunday through the school year. 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

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.

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.

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

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

SECOND LESSON. 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL. Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”



Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (First Lesson)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

