

*For
All the
Saints*

Truly I tell you, today you
will be with me in Paradise.

Luke 23:43

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 6, 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: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be
seen nor even touched, but just felt in the heart." ~ **Helen Keller**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We call on God, who is near as our next breath.

We gather to meet God, who has promised to bless us.

ALL: God is great and greatly to be praised.

Through many generations, God has acted among us.

ONE: Meditate on the wondrous works of our Creator.

Marvel at the glorious splendor of God's majesty.

ALL: God is the Savior of all who seek refuge.

God hears our cries and fulfills our deepest desires.

ONE: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Make a joyful noise and break forth in song.

ALL: Our mouths will speak the praise of God.

Let all flesh bless God's holy name.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

All-knowing God, we are reluctant to identify weakness or wickedness in ourselves. We do not recognize violent behavior or lawless rebellion as a personal problem. We would not think of elevating ourselves to take your place. Yet we find ourselves viewing the world from the narrow perspective of our own self-interest. Our anger at others spills over into our words and deeds. We ignore you in our decision making and fail to give thanks to you in our daily living. Without your forgiveness and transforming love, there is little hope for us. Hear us and save us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

TOTENFEST: We Gather to Remember (*insert*)

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 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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SERMON

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*)

For the future glory of your church, we dedicate our gifts. Toward the reign of love in our midst, we consecrate ourselves. O God of all the ages, show yourself to us in our time. Work within us individually and among us as a community of faith, that we may experience resurrection and carry your good news into our world. Amen.

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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SACREMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (*insert*)

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.

SACREMENT 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Beth Hanser

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworthy's son Sean, Cindy Roll, Jeffrey Thornton, and Joe Tulgetske

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Erica Kynion, 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

-Dupo Christ UCC, Rev. Todd (Suzanne) Mushaney

-Dupo First Congregational UCC, Rev. Julie Kies

Retired Pastor

Rev. David and Kathryn Riebeling, Fults, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Denise Baer, Nov. 7

Kristen Kniepkamp Belcher, Nov. 8

Darik Zobrist, Nov. 10

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 30, 2022

St. John's – 9

St. Jacob – 28

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Mondays by appointment)

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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): Toilet paper, paper towels, peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, crackers, peas, canned potatoes, canned yams, pasta sides, rice sides, mac-n-cheese, Ramen noodles, Hamburger Helper, & cake mixes



Food Pantry Needs

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Nov. 16: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

HOYLETON HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS DRIVE

St. Jacob: This year we are providing gifts for children in the residential care and foster care through Hoyleton. On the table in the Narthx you will find a basket with slips. Each slip lists one gift and has a number in red. There is a sheet next to the basket with the same number on it. Please put your name next to the slip you take. Most of the slips are for children in foster care. Each of them asks for one gift. For 2 of the children in residential care at Hoyleton there are multiple gift requests, because they don't have foster families, they are living with who often help with Christmas, they are able to ask for 7 gifts each. So please keep that in mind as you select slips. Gifts are due back to church by Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent, and we will get them to Hoyleton that week. Please include the child's name and slip number on the gift tag.

St. John's: This year, Ryan again is coordinating the purchase of gifts for the children in residential care and foster care through Hoyleton. Please place your donation in the envelope on the bulletin board.

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are still looking for 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.

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, phone: 618-644-2142; or email: stjucc@hometel.com.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

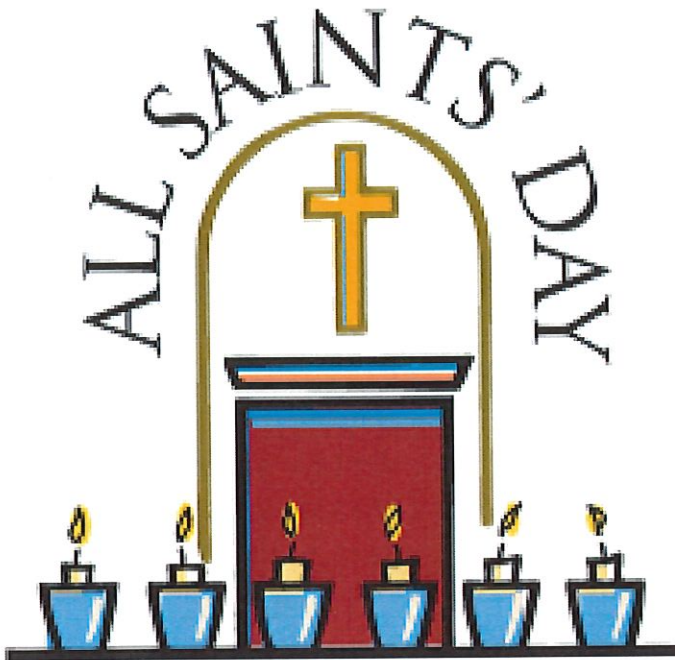
As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

TOTENFEST

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER



St. Jacob United Church of Christ
November 6, 2022

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INTRODUCTION

Pastor: As baptized believers in Christ, we are also baptized into Christ's death. In doing so, we are united with Christ through Christ's resurrection so that we might share in eternal life with Christ. Let us now hear the names of those, our brothers and sisters, who have been called home this past year and who are now sharing in the power of that eternal life.

We remember the following members and friends:

Anna Nungesser
Austin McEwen
Gladys Schiefer
Melba Hoenig
Linda Frutiger
Udell Cook
Wayne Ellis
Wayne Frutiger

Pastor: Let us now have a moment of silence to remember our loved ones who have been called home this past year.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

PASTOR: God, whose hand reaches to the farthest star and to the depths of the sea, we feel the loss of no longer having those who have passed on with us. We also feel the gain of the time they were with us.

MANY: Their vital spark is burned in our memories, though they have departed.

PASTOR: We recall their ears,

MANY: Hearing our cries.

PASTOR: We recall their eyes,

MANY: Seeing our joys and pains.

PASTOR: We recall their touch,

MANY: Holding our hands.

PASTOR: We recall their voices,

MANY: Speaking to our hearts.

ALL: We continue to live with the best they had to give because it lives within us.

HYMN: *Rejoice In God's Saints*

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PRAYER FOR COMFORT (*Unison*)

This day, we pause to give thanks for the gift of individuals who were special to many of us. We give thanks for the church which has nurtured us through the years, both ministering to us and enabling us to minister to others in Your name. We would recall the past with love, in order that we might live in the present with dignity. We ask for your guidance each day, that we may serve you well, with all things. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.