

Christ
has been
raised



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 17, 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:

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." ~ Martin Luther

ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*HYMN of ACCLAMATION

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Sing the glad songs of victory;

God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**ALL: God is our strength and our song;
this is the day of our salvation.**

ONE: Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**ALL: The one who was rejected assures us;
we are accepted and beloved by God.**

ONE: We are chosen by God as witness to good news.
We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

**ALL: God reigns; let all nations and people rejoice.
In Christ, all shall be made alive.**

GATHERING PRAYER (*unison*)

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you, marvelous God. How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and confusion. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

Alleluia

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We shrink from the chastening judgment we deserve. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ. 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:

Acts 10: 34-43

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

John 20: 1-18

HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

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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 resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to good news of your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

ONE: This is not our table. This is God's table. It is open to all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

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: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

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: It is a right and joyful thing to praise you, Holy God, who through your Spirit anointed Jesus of Nazareth to tell your good news of grace and love through his life, death and resurrection.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: Break open the tombs of our lives by your earthquake and lightning that we may know your power and take courage from Christ's resurrection to live new lives.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: Grant us the fear and hope of the Marys as they heard the angel's word:

ALL: Christ is not in the tomb!

Christ is risen!

Christ will go before us into the world!

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

On his final evening with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of 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.

After supper Jesus did the same with the cup, 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."

Pour out your Spirit of resurrection on us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that we may experience newness in our own lives and bear your good news to the world.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: Thanks be to you, God of creative newness!
Thanks be to you, Christ reborn among us!
Thanks be to you, comforting and challenging Spirit!

ALL: Thanks be to you, Holy God, Three-in-One. Alleluia! Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward in the center aisle to receive communion and return to your seat via the side aisle. If you would feel more comfortable receiving communion in the pew, please let the usher know as they pass.

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

Because He Lives

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Persons

Beth Hanser & Dawn Mersinger – 7 a.m.
Kay Guse & Donna Lowe – 10:15 a.m.

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor – 7 a.m., Melody Hollis – 10:15 a.m.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Chad Cruthis, Nancy McCaw, Cindy Roll

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, JoAnn Swipp, Liam Tedford, Carol Zweck and the Family of Linda 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

-Johannisburg St. John's UCC, Rev. William Groennert

-Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dr. Don (Nancy) Wagner

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Ken and Jean Knobloch, Maeystown, IL

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, April 10, 2022

St. John's – 13

St. Jacob – 57

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bailey Frank, April 17

Carol Schmitt, April 19

Cheryl Byrnes, April 21

Marsha Shirley, April 22

DUBOIS 6.0: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

DuBois Center turns 60 in 2022. While the first 60 years have been great, DuBois Center needs some maintenance and expansion to get it ready for the next 60. DuBois has begun a Capital Campaign with a goal **\$225,290** to meet those needs. Current donations are at **\$76,190.21**, thanks to many generous donors, they're on their way to meeting that goal. For more information on these projects including descriptions and estimates please 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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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

PIZZA FUNDRAISER NETS \$630 PROFIT

The pizza fundraiser brought in \$630 in net profit – THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this such a success, especially all of you who purchased pizzas! More than 100 pizzas were sold, so we were able to earn 30 percent of the total sales.

STRAWBERRY FEST NEEDS WORKERS & DONATIONS

We are preparing for our 38th Annual Strawberry Festival and are seeking volunteer workers for the event, as well as raffle donations. The event will be held May 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park & St. Jacob UCC parking lot. Sign-up forms to work the event are located on the table in the Narthx. For more information or to provide a raffle donation contact a festival committee member or call the church office at 618-644-2142.

STRAWBERRY FEST SHUTTLE NEEDED

Do you have a business that has a tractor, flat bed, or some other type of wagon you would be willing to provide for us to use at the Strawberry Festival? We will consider listing you as a sponsor if you are able to provide this service. For more information contact Dawn Mersinger at 618-792-4316.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please volunteer to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx.

HALO PROGRAM NEEDS GIFT CARD DONATIONS

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

FIRST LESSON. Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL. John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.