

CHRIST IS ALL



AND IN ALL!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 31, 2022

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.

It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to our Pastor this morning and let us know if there is any way we might be of service to you or your family.

WELCOME TO REV. LOUIS FLUCK

We welcome Rev. Louis Fluck who is serving as our pulpit supply pastor today. Please greet Reverend Fluck following worship. Pastor Phil will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;
God is calling us; God has called us together.

ALL: **O give thanks to God, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

ONE: God is eager to put loving arms around us.
God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

ALL: **God fills the hungry with good things.
Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

ONE: Set your minds on things that are above.
Put to death your earthly disobedience.

ALL: **God leads us to a new identity, to new life.
We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**

*** HYMN*****Rock of Ages*****384**

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

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**GLORIA PATRI****SCRIPTURE:**

Deuteronomy 14: 22-29 (*INSERT*)

HYMN***Loving Spirit*****135**

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SERMON***The Purpose of the Tithe*****HYMN*****Great is Thy Faithfulness*****72**

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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)*

Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed. We here dedicate not just our offerings but all we possess to cause far greater than our own security. Before all our attachments require "larger barns," help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us. Thank you for the abundant opportunity to share. 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

Take My Life and Let it Be

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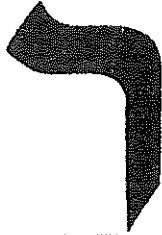
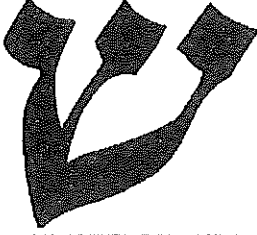

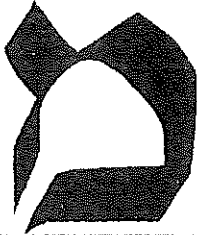
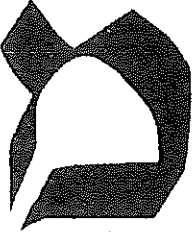

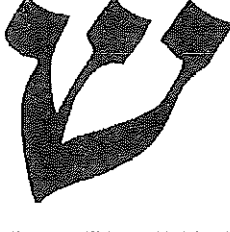

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deuteronomy 14: 22-29

Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. In the presence of the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. But if, when the LORD your God has blessed you, the distance is so great that you are unable to transport it, because the place where the LORD your God will choose to set his name is too far away from you, then you may turn it into money. With the money secure in hand, go to the place that the LORD your God will choose; spend the money for whatever you wish—oxen, sheep, wine, strong drink, or whatever you desire. And you shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your household rejoicing together. As for the Levites resident in your towns, do not neglect them, because they have no allotment or inheritance with you.

Every third year you shall bring out the full tithe of your produce for that year, and store it within your towns; the Levites, because they have no allotment or inheritance with you, as well as the resident aliens, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, may come and eat their fill so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work that you undertake.

			
			
Mem	Ayin	Shin	Reish

M A S R

Add the vowels and we get maaser

maaser means tithe

The root of maaser is eser

eser means ten

Thus the tithe is a tenth of the whole

The Hebrew word for “he tithed” isser literally means
he took a tenth

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person
Accompanist

John Zweck
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, Ken Frutiger, Brian Meyer, 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

-Summerfield St. John UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier
-Tower Hill St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance

Retired Pastor

- Revs. Pamela Smith and Earl Menchhofer, Conyers, GA

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth Mikeals, July 31
Pauline Laux, Aug. 3
Melody & Kevin Hollis, 22 years, Aug. 5

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, July 24, 2022

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – 40

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

(Mondays by appointment)

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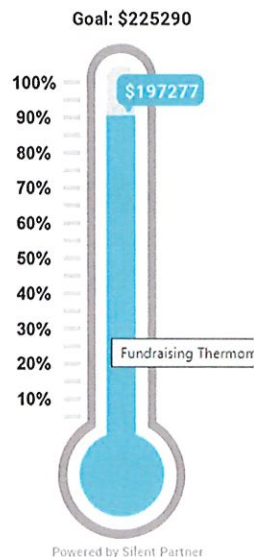
DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DuBois Center Capital Campaign has raised \$197,277, 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. If you are looking for one of the larger projects to add your funds to as a church or organization, you may want to choose from these: New hay barn (estimated at \$30,000); Road repair (estimated at \$18,500); or Hillside Cottage Build (estimated at \$77,000).

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 and www.DuBoisCenter.org.



CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 27-August 2: Pastor Phil on vacation

BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 28

The ELFs 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 and tickets in our special Barbeque safe in the foyer at church, or just mail them back to church at 207 West Main Street. St. Jacob, IL 62281.

2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO DEADLINE AUG. 2

We are planning on publishing a 2022 church directory later this year, as our last one was printed in 2005. If you were unable to have your photo taken at the church and you would still like to be included in the directory, you may submit your own picture/high-resolution image either by e-mailing it to: stjucc@hometel.com or dropping off your print/image at the office Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., before Aug. 2. We hope to get as many of our church family included as possible. For more information contact Ed Ferguson at the office, 618-644-2142.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE DEADLINE TODAY

Today is the deadline to drop off your donations for Hoyleton's Back to School Supply Drive. You may leave them at the back of the Sanctuary at St. John's and in the office area behind the Sanctuary at St. Jacob.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FIRST 6 MONTHS

St. Jacob UCC financial statements for the first 6 months of 2022 are located on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob for your review.

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

FIRST LESSON. Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

SECOND LESSON. Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL. Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."