

Let us run with  
**perseverance**  
the **race** that is  
set before us



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 14, 2022

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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.

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## Silent Reflection:

"God's restoration will go beyond what was, to set a new standard for what's  
good." ~ Andrena Sawyer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Return, beloved of God, to the fold.

God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

**ALL: God calls us by name and awaits our coming.**

**God summons us out of hiding.**

ONE: God is like a shepherd, caring for her flocks.

God is like gardener, carefully tending his vines.

**ALL: Surely God has provided richly for us.**

**Our lives are sustained by God's good gifts.**

ONE: Worship the one who longs for our coming.

Sing praise to the one who expects our faithfulness.

**ALL: We call on God, who gives us life.**

**May God's face shine on us to save us.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, after all you have done for us, we have failed to bear fruit for you. We have turned away from your Word and have forgotten to call on your name. People who are weak, lonely, and destitute receive little help from our hands because we are preoccupied with our own concerns. Lift us from the shadows of our own deceptions and let your face shine on us so we may walk once more in your truth. 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:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

## HYMN

*Abide With Me*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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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*)

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. 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

*O Day of God, Draw Near*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Don Yann

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, Udell Cook, 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

-Valmeyer St. John UCC, Rev. Steven (Carla) Boorsma

-Waterloo St. Paul UCC, Rev. Jeff (Bobbie) McCarn

#### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Thomas Nadelin, St. Louis, MO



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, August 7, 2022

St. John's – 16

St. Jacob – 30

### 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](mailto:pastor@hometel.com)

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carol & Steven Casperson, 47 years, Aug. 15  
Steve May, Aug. 15

### **DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

DuBois Center Capital Campaign has raised more than \$198,000, 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. 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](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://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.

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### **BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 28**

The ELF's 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/tickets in the Barbeque safe in the foyer at church or mail them to the church office at: 207 West Main Street. St. Jacob, IL 62281.

### **RALLY DAY SET FOR SEPT. 18**

Mark your calendar to join St. Jacob UCC for an outdoor worship, lunch and games on Sunday, September 18th. Bring a chair and enjoy the special music and worship leadership provided by the drummers of *Sheltered Reality*.

### **BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION**

The ELF's organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthx to place the labels.

### **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.

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

**FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

**SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 11:29–12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**GOSPEL. Luke 12:49-56**

“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”



# Day of God, Draw Near

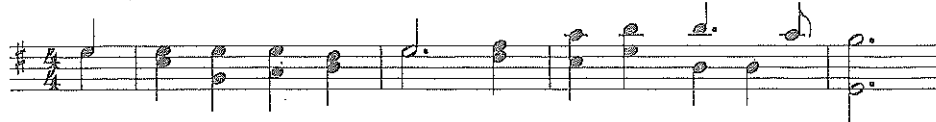
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Y. Scott, 1937; alt.

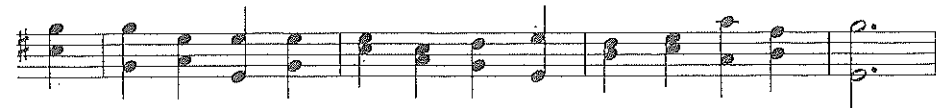
Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15



- 1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in pow - er,
- 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
- 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
- 4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,
- 5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;



Come with your time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
The, qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.



*Y. Scott was a theologian, Old Testament scholar, and reformer who taught at McGill University, Montreal, andinceton University. A minister in the United Church of la, he wrote this text in 1937 for the Fellowship for aian Social Order.*

Tune: ST. MICHAEL S.M.  
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551  
Adapt. William Crotch, 1836



# Pastor Phil's Annual Review

As Pastor Phil completes his first year of ministry with our churches, we would like to gather everyone's perspective on his performance. Responses will only be viewed by the members of the Pastoral Review Team and will be used to prepare our evaluation of Pastor Phil.

Please take time to answer the following questions (on both sides) and return to the envelope on the bulletin board at St. John's or the box in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

1) What do you see as Pastor Phil's greatest accomplishment(s) his first year?

2) What suggestion(s) do you have for areas needing more attention?

3) Please list any new ideas that you would enjoy during or outside of worship.