



THE LORD'S CALL



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 21, 2024

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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:** "The whale swallowing Jonah wasn't meant as a punishment from God, it was God saving him from drowning. So it was actually provision to give him a second chance. The whale itself was the start of Jonah's second chance."

~ Phil Vischer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: For God alone our souls wait in silence.

Our hope is from God, our fortress.

**ALL: God is our rock and our salvation.**

**God is our refuge and our deliverance.**

ONE: Trust in God at all times, in all places.

Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

**ALL: All people are valuable in God's sight.**

**No one is more important than another.**

ONE: Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.

Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

**ALL: All power in the universe belongs to God.**

**Yet God depends on our faithful service.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer. 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.

### SCRIPTURE:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

Mark 1: 14-20

**HYMN*****God of Grace and God of Glory***

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**SERMON****HYMN*****O Jesus, I Have Promised***

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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*)

God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the resources we dedicate today. We pray that our work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people—for their sakes, not our own. 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*****The Summons***

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person        Patti Woods  
Liturgist                Kay Guse  
Accompanist            Melody Hollis

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Don Koenig, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll, and  
Margie Foxworthy's son Sean and stepson Dustin

**St. Jacob:** Sandy Autry, Laura Barber, Carol Casperson, Lori Foley,  
Carolyn Masterson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt,  
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

-Smithton St. John UCC, Rev. Brian (Dawn) Damrow

-St. Jacob UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

### Retired Pastor

-Rev. Elmer and Linda Bowman, Trenton, IL

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kay Guse, Jan. 21

Lisa Kelley, Jan. 21

Carol & Charlie Kynion, 53 years, Jan. 23

Rodney Ahlmeyer, Jan. 25

June Boggy, Jan. 25

Gina Hirsch, Jan. 27

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, January 14, 2023

St. John's – No Worship      St. Jacob – 18

### 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)

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the need for food assistance always grows. In preparation for this holiday season, below are updated lists of items needed by our local food pantries. Donation baskets are in the sanctuary at St. John's & St. Jacob.



**Requested items for St. John's (For Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries):** Canned goods including: vegetables, fruit, beans, soups, stews, pasta, chili, sloppy Joe, beef, sausage, chicken, salmon, and tuna. Boxed goods including pasta & noodles, rice, mashed potatoes, cereal, oatmeal, stuffing, and mac & cheese. Other pantry staples including flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, BBQ sauce, ramen, cake mix, Jello, and pudding. Nonfood items including trash bags, storage bags, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, toiletries.

**Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** mixed vegetables, carrots, spam, canned ham, macaroni and cheese, pasta, paper towels, shampoo, body wash, and toilet bowl cleaner

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY:** St. John's Annual meeting, noon, with lunch

**JANUARY 28:** St. Jacob Annual meeting, following worship (pot-luck lunch)

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### **ST. JACOB 2023 ENVELOPE BOOKLETS/GIVING STATEMENTS**

The St. Jacob 2023 Envelope Booklets and Giving Statements are available for you to pick up on the table in the Narthx.

### **ON-LINE GIVING OPTION**

An on-line giving option has been added to St. Jacob's web site. There are two ways to access the on-line giving option on our web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>), the first is the "DONATE" button located on the top-right corner of the "Home Page," and the second is by clicking on "RESOURCES" and then "DONATE." In you have any issues using the on-line giving option, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.

**ST. JACOB UCC**

207 W. Main Street



**DONATE**

### **VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB**

We are 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 located on the table in the Narthx.



### **SNOW SHOVELING**

Winter weather is here. Please volunteer to shovel the church sidewalks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob. Thank you!

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

**FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

**SECOND LESSON: Psalm 62:5-12**

Oh, I must find rest in God only, because my hope comes from him!  
 Only God is my rock and my salvation – my stronghold! – I will not be shaken.  
 My deliverance and glory depend on God. God is my strong rock.  
 My refuge is in God.  
 All you people: Trust in him at all times! Pour out your hearts before him!  
 God is our refuge!

Human beings are nothing but a breath. Human beings are nothing but lies.  
 They don't even register on a scale; taken all together they are lighter than a breath!  
 Don't trust in violence; don't set false hopes in robbery.  
 When wealth bears fruit, don't set your heart on it.  
 God has spoken one thing – make it two things – that I myself have heard:  
 that strength belongs to God, and faithful love comes from you, my Lord –  
 and that you will repay everyone according to their deeds.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.