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purpose

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**JANUARY 22, 2023**

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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:**

"It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it."  
Pirkei Avot 2:16 ~ Translation by Dr. Joshua Kulp

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS**  
**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

ALL: Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.

Our losses seem greater than we can bear.

ONE: God is our light and our salvation.

God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

ALL: Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.

We come now, seeking God's face.

ONE: Come, behold the beauty of our God.

Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

ALL: We will sing and make melody to God.

We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.

**\* HYMN**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your realm. 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 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

**HYMN*****Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*****347**

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**SERMON****HYMN*****Blest Be the Tie That Binds*****393**

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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*)

Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in poverty or despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. 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*****I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*****344**

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Duane Woods
Liturgist	Kevin Hollis
Accompanist	Melody Hollis

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

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

-Jamestown St. Paul UCC

-Jerseyville Peace UCC, Rev. Debbie Lawson

\* Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister

#### Retired Pastor

-Rev. Hugh and Bo Fitz, Mascoutah, IL

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carol & Charlie Kynion, 52 years, Jan. 23

Rodney Ahlmeyer, Jan. 25

June Boggy, Jan. 25

Gina Hirsch, Jan. 27

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 15, 2023

St. John's – 9

St. Jacob – 32

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### 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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### **BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC**

The “Blessing Box” (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) contains non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for anyone in need. Please help us keep the “Blessing Box” stocked. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

### **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):** Long shelf-life fresh produce: apples, oranges, celery, onions, potatoes, and carrots, etc.

**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

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** St. John's annual meeting, noon

**January 29:** St. Jacob annual meeting, immediately following worship

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### **TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY AT FRIEDENS UCC**

Trivia Night will be held Saturday, Jan. 28th at Friedens UCC, Troy, IL. Cost is \$15 per person/tables of eight. No team? No problem, they will have tables you can join. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Call (618-667-6535) or email ([friedens@friedensucc-troy.org](mailto:friedens@friedensucc-troy.org)) the office to reserve your table.

### **SALEM UCC SAUSAGE SUPPER SATURDAY**

A sausage supper will be held from 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 (drive-thru only) at Salem UCC, 1117 West North St., Alhambra, IL. Menu includes fresh homemade pork sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, gravy, green beans & applesauce (\$13 donation).

### **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. A BIG thank you to those members who have signed up! However, we still have many weeks needing volunteers.

### **BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION**

The ELFs 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.

### **ST. JACOB 2023 ENVELOPE BOOKLETS AVAILABLE**

The St. Jacob 2023 envelope booklets are available for you to pick up on the table in the Narthx.

**JANUARY 22, 2023**

**(A) THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**GOSPEL. Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

