

*He said to them,
“What are you looking for?”*



“Come and see.”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MARCH 19, 2023

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.

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

WELCOME TO REV. NANCY BROOKS

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

Silent Reflection: I feel the capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance. ~ Pablo Casals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God summons us to wake up and see.

Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

ALL: Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.

We seek to live as children of light.

ONE: God sees beyond our outward appearance.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

ALL: We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.

We want to know what is right and true.

ONE: God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

ALL: We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the works of God.

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*** HYMN**

Sunshine in My Soul

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

With our limited insight, we often misjudge people and situations . Our view of things may be far from the way God sees the circumstances of our lives and our relationships. Individually and together, we are involved in sin that cuts us off from what God expects of us. Let us admit our need for forgiveness. 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:

I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

John 1: 35 – 42

SPECIAL MUSIC*Jesus Paid it All (with Jesus Loves Me)***SERMON*****WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR*****HYMN***Open My Eyes That I May See***480**

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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*)

Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. 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***Sweet, Sweet Spirit***134**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Duane Woods
Liturgist:	Andy Schreiber
Accompanist	Melody Hollis
Special Music:	Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Dave Krausz, 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

-New Hanover Zoar UCC, Rev. R. J. (Lisa) Morgan

ISC Conference Minister

-Rev. Shana (Rev. Todd Bean) Johnson, O'Fallon, IL

Retired Pastors

-Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver, Columbia, IL

-Rev. Robert Tripp, Effingham, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY

Lily Zobrist, March 19

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, MARCH 12, 2023

St. John's – 9

St. Jacob – 20

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.

St. Jacob Phone: 618-644-2142 / St. Jacob E-mail: stjucc@hometel.com

Website: stjacobucc.org

Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: pastor@hometel.com

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): Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, pudding cups, large box instant mashed potatoes, laundry detergent-small bottles, cake mix, paper towels, toilet paper, canned potatoes, Ramen noodle bowls, and Nutri-Grain bars

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday: Pastor Phil returns.

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

March 26: Strawberry Festival meeting, following Worship.

STRAWBERRY FEST NEEDS SPONSORS/DONATIONS

We are preparing for our 39th Annual Strawberry Festival and are seeking sponsors for the event, as well as raffle donations. The event will be held May 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park. This event draws more than 3,000 people from the surrounding areas. It's a family-friendly event including musical entertainment, jump houses, pony rides, face painting, and local craft vendors. Sponsor forms are available at: stjacobucc.org/strawberry, from a festival committee member, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

A **Lenten Study Series** will begin at 7 p.m., each Wednesday in March at St. Jacob Heritage Hall. All are welcome.

ELF BOOK SALE, LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

This year as part of the St. Jacob community yard sale (May 4-6), the ELFs will hold a book sale in the Heritage Hall. As you prepare for spring cleaning, if you have any books you would like to donate, they can be placed on the cart in the Narthx. Funds raised will go toward supporting children in need through partner organizations in our community and within the wider church.

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.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

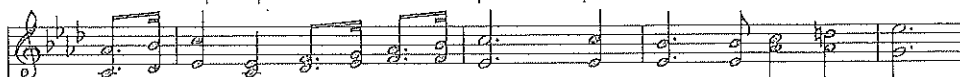
GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Sunshine in My Soul



1. There is sun - shine in my soul to - day, More glo - ri - ous and bright
 2. There is mu - sic in my soul to - day, A ca - rol to my King;
 3. There is mu - sic in my soul to - day, For when my Lord is near,
 4. There is glad - ness in my soul to - day, And hope and praise and love



Than glows in a - ny earth - ly sky, For Je - sus is my light.
 And Je - sus, lis - ten - ing, can hear The songs I can - not sing.
 The dove of peace sings in my heart, The flow'rs of grace ap - pear.
 For bles - sings which he gives me now, For joys "laid up" a - bove.



O there's sun - shine, bles - sed sun - shine,
 O there's sun - shine in my soul, bles - sed sun - shine in my soul,



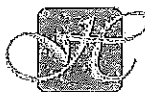
When the peace - ful, hap - py mo - ments roll; When
 hap - py mo - ments roll;



Je - sus shows His smi - ling face, There is sun - shine in my soul.



Text: Eliza E. Hewitt, 1851-1920
 Tune: John R. Sweney, 1837-1899



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www.hymnary.org/text/there_is_sunshine_in_my_soul_today

2023 Strawberry Festival T-Shirt Order Form

****DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 24 ****

Any questions, please contact Andy Schreiber 618/644-4020 greenree@hometel.com

(or the church office 618/644-2142 stjucc@hometel.com).

Sizes and Pricing (please indicate quantity)



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_____ Adult 3XL \$19

_____ Adult 4XL \$21

Quantity Ordered: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Jacob UCC Strawberry Festival and give to Andy Schreiber or to the church office 207 W. Main Street, St. Jacob IL 62281

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Shirts will be available for pick-up after May 11th – after worship services or from the church office.

Strawberry Festival – May 21, 2023

St. Jacob Park 11 am – 3 pm