



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 12, 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:** "Keep Giving Jesus to the people, not by words but by your example, by being in love with Jesus, by radiating holiness and spreading his fragrance of love everywhere you go. Just keep the joy of Jesus as your strength, be happy and at peace." ~ **Mother Teresa**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**ONE:** We are together today because Christ has claimed us.

We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.

**ALL:** Who are we to make such a claim?

Who would see Jesus Christ when they look at us?

**ONE:** It is not our claim that brings us together.

The church is not our private club.

**ALL:** We are not here just for ourselves, for our own needs.

We are drawn together by a larger purpose.

**ONE:** We have been called by Christ for a mission.

The gathered community is sent out into the world.

**ALL:** We are here to be equipped for ministry.

We have been chosen as apostles of good news.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pour out our Prayer of Confession. We have been called together into the church to live the resurrection faith, to embody Easter and touch lives as Jesus did. We have not done this well. Our vision has been narrow and limited. Our testimony has been timid and self-protective. We listen to the wrong advisors and complain when things do not go our way. Forgive our limited commitment and low expectations that deny the Body of Christ as the strong force for the good that we are meant to be. Help us rediscover the delight and joy of full commitment. 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:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

**HYMN**            *Take Time to Be Holy*

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**SERMON**

**HYMN**            *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

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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*)

Here, O God, is some of the abundance you have allowed us to manage for you while we are on this earth. May it be enough to draw us closer to you and to all whom we seek to help. May our hearts follow our treasure into growing devotion to your truth and expanded commitment to the unity in love that Jesus sought for all your children. Bless this offering, and increase our joy in giving. 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**            *Be Still, My Soul*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Beth Frank

Accompanist

Melissa Anderson Taylor

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

**St. Jacob:** Sandy Autry, Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, 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

-Dupo First Congregational UCC Rev. Julie Kies

-DuQuoin St. John's UCC Rev. Robert Morwell

#### Retired Pastor

-Rev. David (Kathryn) Riebeling, Fults, IL

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Ann & Ryan Becker, 12 years, May 12

Ty Gansmann, May 16

Karen & Joe Schultze, 54 years, May 16

Shelly Bittle, May 17

Mary & Zach Lowe, 5 years, May 18

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, May 5, 2024

St. John's – 18 St. Jacob – 40

### 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) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. 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.

**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.

**Items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Pop-tarts, oatmeal, cheese cracker sandwiches, beef jerky, fruit cups, Vienna sausages, ketchup, mustard, broth, cooked ham, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, & syrup

## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAY 19: Strawberry Festival**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Jacob Township Park

*(No Worship at St. Jacob)*

**MAY 20:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 21:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**MAY 26:** No Worship at St. John's

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### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS**

There are envelopes labeled for each family with Strawberry Festival raffle tickets in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you have family members who are not here, but you could drop off the envelope to them, it would be greatly appreciated, as it will help save on postage. Thank you for your support!

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS**

We are preparing for our 40th anniversary Strawberry Festival and need volunteer workers for preparations on Saturday, May 18th and for the event on May 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park. Sign-up forms are located on the table in the Narthex. For more information contact a festival committee member or call the church office at 618-644-2142.

### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS**

Volunteers are needed to help with the free school lunch program this summer. We are also accepting monetary donations which will be used to purchase the lunch supplies. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Thursdays and Fridays. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob Elementary School (outdoor classroom). Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow time to assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. For more information, or to volunteer call Audrey Yann at 618-567-8013, or Judy Bolton at 618-830-0526.

**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (May-June) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, "Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry."

"Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection." So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

**SECOND LESSON: Psalm 1**

The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice,

doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction,

and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time

and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away.

And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice – neither will sinners

in the assembly of the righteous.

The Lord is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

**GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

"I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.