



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 6, 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 let us know if there is any way  
we might be of service to you or your family.

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## WELCOME TO ERIC BOSAW

We welcome Eric Bosaw who is serving as our pulpit supply leader today.

Please greet him following worship.

Pastor Phil will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God's Word has been lived among us!

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation.

We gather before the One who is heir to all things.

ONE: Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.

Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

ALL: Who are we that God is mindful of us?

Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

ONE: Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.

We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

ALL: The realm of God is for all people.

God's dominion is over all creation.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

All-seeing God, we would like to wash our hands in innocence, but we cannot escape from the guilt we carry. We compare ourselves favorably with people we label worthless and hypocrites, but that very judgment breaks faith with you. We avoid bribery, and other evil devices, yet we would still like to have advantages for ourselves over others. We are not bloodthirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of peace. We humbly seek forgiveness as little children in need of your welcoming love. 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:

Isaiah 41:1-13

John 8:1-15

## SERMON

HYMN      *Children of the Heavenly Father*

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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*)

Long ago you spoke through the prophets, speak now through us and through the fruits of our labor which we share. We dedicate to your service all the good things we have received from your hand. May our gifts carry your good news throughout this community and your whole world, making a difference in the quality of life experienced by many, near and far. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE      Into My Heart

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*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

\* HYMN      *How Firm a Foundation*

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## BENEDICTION

As the beacon of hope in our lives, may Jesus' light shine brightly within you, dispelling darkness and igniting a fire of love and compassion. May His presence be felt in every step you take, in every decision you make, and in every heart you touch. In the name of Jesus, the power and light in our lives. Amen."

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person  
Accompanist

Donna Lowe  
Melissa Anderson Taylor

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Brian Bielong, Wally Foxworthy, Don Koenig, Sharon Koenig, Christy Lanning, Fred Lanning, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll, and Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, Lori Foley, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Kathleen Ritter, 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

- Pinckneyville St. Paul UCC - Rev. Jason (Petrice) Eisele
- Plum Hill St. John's UCC - Rev. Don Jones

#### Retired Pastor

- Retired Pastor - Rev. Jerry (Lori) McCaskey

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn Warren, Oct. 6  
Kay & Paul Guse, 36 years, Oct. 8  
Beth Hanser, Oct. 9

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, September 29, 2024

St. John's – 15 St. Jacob – 26

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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: green beans, corns, carrots, mixed vegetables, stew, chili, soup, fruit, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, potatoes (boxed/bags), Rice a Roni, macaroni and cheese, pasta, Ramen noodles, Jello, pudding, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, powdered sugar, brown sugar, oil, Crisco, dish soap, laundry detergent (quart bottles/sheets/pods), dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet paper, baggies (sandwich/qt./gal.) plastic wrap, toilet bowl cleaner, and cleaning solution

**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

**TODAY:** DuBois Center Fall Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**TODAY:** St. John UCC, (Trenton) Wurstmarkt Dinner, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(Information flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex)

**WEDNESDAY:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**OCTOBER 13:** Communion Sunday (moved from today)

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

**OCTOBER 21:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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### **FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC OCT. 24**

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 at Heritage Hall. The clinic is **only for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township**, and you must be 18 years or older (proof of residency is required). For more information contact Diane Frey at (618) 644-9319.

### **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 Narthex.

### **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER E-MAIL OPTION**

With the rising cost of postage, printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter, we encourage you to consider having it e-mailed, instead of using traditional mail to send the paper copy. If you would like to have our newsletter e-mailed, please provide us with your preferred e-mail address at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com)

Also, if you currently receive our newsletter in the mail, and are no longer interested in receiving it, please let us know, either by e-mailing us at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com) or by calling the office at: (618) 644-2142, and we will remove you from our newsletter mailing list.

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

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 41:1-13**

“Be silent before me, you islands! Let the nations renew their strength! Let them come forward and speak; let us meet together at the place of judgment.

“Who has stirred up one from the east, calling him in righteousness to his service? He hands nations over to him and subdues kings before him. He turns them to dust with his sword, to windblown chaff with his bow. He pursues them and moves on unscathed, by a path his feet have not traveled before. Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord—with the first of them and with the last—I am he.”

The islands have seen it and fear; the ends of the earth tremble. They approach and come forward; they help each other and say to their companions, “Be strong!” The metalworker encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer spurs on the one who strikes the anvil. One says of the welding, “It is good.” The other nails down the idol so it will not topple.

“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

“All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

**GOSPEL: John 8:1-15**

but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

“No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.”

Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.



# 190 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Unison (Optional S.A.)*

1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
 2. First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,  
 3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low the chil-dren's band,

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
 and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me;  
 wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

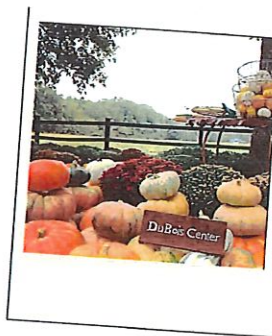
scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
 words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
 one of his her - alds, yes, I would sing

sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
 all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
 loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

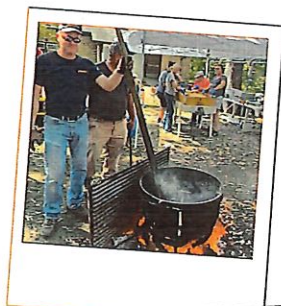
# FALL FESTIVAL

## DuBois Center

Sunday, Oct 6  
from 11-5



**Family-Friendly Event FREE Parking FREE Admission**



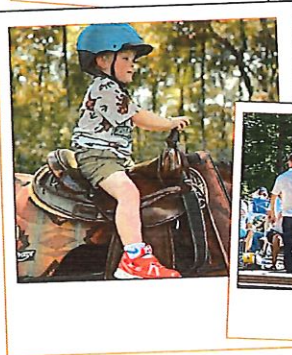
## Great Food Trucks!

Tater Headz Fry, Big Rick's Meats, Lil Buddies BBQ  
Plus local non-profits with Kettle Corn, Spiral Potatoes, & Sweet Treats!

## Activities for EVERYONE!

Pony Rides, Hay Rides, Crafts @ the Kids Korner,  
Blacksmith Demo, Rope Making, Silent Auction, and...

**Over 40 Crafters & Artisans**




## Live Music

1:00 Sheltered Reality (on the BB Court)  
2:15 Emery Bass (on the main stage)  
3:30 Venedy Band (on the BB Court)

No ATM on site! Cash only for DuBois Center activities  
We love pets, but only service animals are welcome



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