



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 27, 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: "God is like the sun. When the sun shines, it shines for everyone.  
God is for everyone." ~ Ziggy Marley

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: With our lips and with our hearts,  
ALL: We bless God in every moment of our lives.  
ONE: With our ears and with our hearts,  
ALL: We will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers,  
in every painful moment, in every broken place.  
ONE: With every gift and with our hearts,  
ALL: We will serve God and all of God's children,  
with every moment of our lives.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious and holy God, we admit that it is easier to have pain-causing words on our lips, than praise one another. Our foolishness often keeps us from seeing the deep hurts and hunger of those who suffer around us. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope. We know we need your mercy and ask that you forgive our faithlessness.

## 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:

Psalm 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

## HYMN

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

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## SERMON

HYMN      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. 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      *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Ty Gansmann
Liturgist	Melissa Anderson Taylor
Accompanist	Melody Hollis

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Brian Bielong, Wally Foxworthy, Don Koenig, Christy Lanning, Fred Lanning, 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

- Stone Church St. Peter's UCC
- Summerfield St. John's UCC - Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

### Retired Pastor

- Retired Pastor - Rev. Louis Fluck

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSERIES

Denise & Paul Baer, 52 years, Oct. 27

Kathy Ritter, Oct. 27

Madeleine Schmidt, Oct. 31

George Anderson, Nov. 2



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, October 20, 2024

St. John's – 18 St. Jacob – 23

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NOVEMBER 2:** Uni-Pres Kindercottage Trivia Night, 6 p.m., Grantfork UCC  
(Information flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex)
- NOVEMBER 3:** *Fallback* -- Daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 3:** TOTENFEST observance at St. John's and St. Jacob
- NOVEMBER 3:** Marine UCC Pork Sausage Dinner, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
(Information flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex)
- NOVEMBER 13:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 18:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 19:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.
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### HOYLETON'S HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS DRIVE

**St. Jacob:** This year we are providing gifts for children in residential care and foster care through Hoyleton. On the table in the Narthex you will find a basket with slips. Each slip lists possible gifts and has a number at the top. There is a sheet next to the basket with the same number on it. Please put your name next to the slip you take. The gifts are due to church by Sunday, Dec. 1, and we'll get them to Hoyleton that week. Please include the top half of the slip with the child's name on the gift.

**St. John's:** Again this year the council will be coordinating the purchase of gifts for the children in residential care and foster care through Hoyleton through their on-line wish-list. Please place your donation in the envelope on the bulletin board.

### ST. JACOB NEEDS COUNCIL MEMBERS

St. Jacob needs members to serve on the church council. Currently we have only nine of the 12 positions filled. Two of those nine members will finish their term at the end of this year, which will leave us with five positions vacant for 2025. Please consider volunteering, it's really a small commitment of your time, as the council meets just once a month for about an hour, and then serves as the council person for one month to assist at worship. The success of our church depends on volunteers like you. For more information call the church office, 618-644-2142.

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

**FIRST LESSON: Psalm 34:1-8**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth.

I praise the Lord – let the suffering listen and rejoice.

Magnify the Lord with me! Together let us lift his name up high!

I sought the Lord and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed.

This suffering person cried out: the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.

On every side, the Lord's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.

Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

**SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 7:23-28**

The others who became priests are numerous because death prevented them from continuing to serve. In contrast, he holds the office of priest permanently because he continues to serve forever. This is why he can completely save those who are approaching God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for them.

It's appropriate for us to have this kind of high priest: holy, innocent, incorrupt, separate from sinners, and raised high above the heavens. He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests, first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. The Law appoints people who are prone to weakness as high priests, but the content of the solemn pledge, which came after the Law, appointed a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52**

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.



## Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;  
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.  
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

*Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.*

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5, with refrain  
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

