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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

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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:** “The Lord instructs two of his disciples to go into the village and untether a donkey. If there is any protest, they are to say, ‘The Master has need of it.’ This is true of every baptized person: the Master has need of your gifts, of you, of the whole of your life.” ~ **Robert Barron**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**ONE:** On this day of palms and celebration, Jesus continues his journey with God.

**ALL:** We will go with him for a while, until he turns towards Calvary.

**ONE:** From the top of Olive Mountain, Jesus prepares to travel through the valley of heartache and loss.

**ALL:** We will follow Jesus for a while, cradling hope in our hearts.

**ONE:** In the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

**ALL:** We will shout Jesus’ name for a while, until we cry out, “Crucify him!”

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**CALL TO CONFESSION****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him as he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotion of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives. Forgive us, O God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises. Help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children. Help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us. Amen.

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**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 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

**HYMN**            *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*            268

## **SERMON**

**HYMN**            *This is a Time to Remember*            579  
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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*)

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to your altar, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**      **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**            490

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

**\* HYMN**            *All Glory, Laud and Honor*            265

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person/Liturgist      Kay Guse  
Accompanist:                      Melody Hollis

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, Gracie Emmerich, Lori Erwin, Lori Foley, Sylvia Hoerchler, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Darik Zobrist, and the family of Carol Schmitt

**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

- Johannsburg St. John's UCC - Rev. William Groennert
- Lebanon St. Paul UCC - Rev. Josiah (Ryan) Accola-House

### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Kevin (Shellie) Strobe

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Ethan Schmidt, April 13  
Marlene Robison, April 14  
Wally Foxworthy, April 15  
Pat May, April 16  
Gary Rufer, April 16  
Bailey Frank, April 17

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, April 6, 2025

St. John's – 17 St. Jacob – 36

### 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.

St. Jacob Phone: 618-644-2142 / St. Jacob E-mail: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com)

Website: [stjacobucc.org](http://stjacobucc.org)

Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: [pastor@hometel.com](mailto:pastor@hometel.com)

### **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

**THURSDAY: MAUNDY THURSDAY**, soup dinner 6 p.m., worship, 7 p.m.

**APRIL 20: EASTER** worship 8:30, St. John's; 10:15 a.m., St. Jacob

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

**APRIL 22:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

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### **EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS DUE TODAY**

Order your flower(s) to decorate your church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 20. The deadline to order flowers is TODAY. Order forms are located on the table in the Narthex.

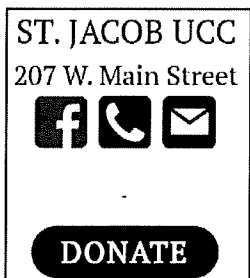


### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

T-Shirts are now available to order for our 41st anniversary Strawberry Festival! Order forms are located on the table in the Narthex and may be dropped in the offering plate, or you may call the church office, 618-644-2142, to order. Orders must be submitted to the church office by noon, Sunday, April 20.

### **ON-LINE GIVING OPTION**

An on-line giving option is available on St. Jacob UCC's web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the "DONATE" button located on the top-right corner of the "Home Page," and the second is by clicking on "RESOURCES" and then "DONATE." If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.



### **LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please volunteer to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.



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

**FIRST LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever. Let Israel say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"

Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord! This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help. The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone! This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight! This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed!

The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed; we bless all of you from the Lord's house. The Lord is God! He has shined a light on us! So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar. You are my God—I will give thanks to you! You are my God—I will lift you up high! Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

**SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11**

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."