



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

June 8, 2025

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.

Silent Reflection: "Pentecost is a celebration of God ... a celebration of God's power... a celebration of God's desire to empower us and to dwell within us."

~ Mark Hart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place.

ALL: We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.

ONE: Come Spirit of adoption and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

ALL: Come Holy Spirit!

ONE: Come Spirit of peace and calm our trembling hearts:

ALL: Come Holy Spirit!

ONE: Come Breath of God and overturn our conventional lives:

ALL: Come Holy Spirit!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

It is never easy for us to enter this time of confession, Lord, for we have trouble believing that our failures, our lives, and our sins compare in any way to the evil and violence of our world. Yet our hearts are troubled when we think of how we revel in the pain of others; we are dismayed when we remember how we turn away from those in need; we are afraid to be totally dependent upon you. Forgive us, gracious God. In your mercy, gather us up and embrace us with your love, fill us with the peace of Jesus Christ, and open our hearts to receive your Spirit that we might live more faithful lives. 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:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, 25-27

HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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SERMON

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

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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*)

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be channels of your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.

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

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

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

*** HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Audrey Yann
Liturgist	Kay Guse
Accompanist:	Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Carol Casperson, Gracie Emmerich, Lori Erwin, Lori Foley, Sylvia Hoerchler, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Darik Zobrist, and Olin 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

- St. Paul's UCC, Ohlman - Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance
- St. Peter's, Okawville - Rev. Jeffery Schwab

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Robert Tripp

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY

Gina & Tim Hirsch, 34 years, June 8
Jettson Lowe, June 9
Samantha Rehg, June 13

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, June 1, 2025

St. John's – 15 St. Jacob – 45

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

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

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

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The 2025 St. Jacob UCC Strawberry Festival was a great success with a net profit of more than \$23,000, while there are a few invoices pending, that will top last year's total by \$4,900. This year's success is 100-percent the result of hard work, heart, and the dedication of a small but mighty group. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the event (not only on the day of the event, but also the planning and prepping for the event), the 14 sponsors and all of those in the community who supported the festival by purchasing raffle tickets and purchasing food at the event. The raffle brought in \$1,772 with 2,132 ticket packets (plus two single tickets). In addition to the great food and entertainment, there were 70-registered vendors/crafters at this year's event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's festival such a success! To view images from our Strawberry Festival, visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/stjacobbucc

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

Volunteers and donations are needed for the free school lunch program this summer. We're accepting monetary donations to purchase lunch supplies. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 contact Audrey Yann, 618-567-8013 or Carol Kynion, 618-401-8805

WALK WITH GOD

St. Jacob UCC is planning a walking group called "Walk with God." Anyone who likes to take walks, be in nature and share in unity is encouraged to join us. We hope to get members of the church together a couple times a week to walk and be visible in the community. We will meet at the church and decide from there where we would like to walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. If you're interested in participating and would like more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, dawn up -
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, glow with -
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, fill and
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Peace di - vine, still this
 5. Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, glad - den



1. on this soul of mine. Voice of God, and
 2. in this heart of mine. Kin - dle ev - 'ry
 3. nerve this will of mine. Bold - ly may I
 4. rest - less heart of mine. Speak to calm this
 5. now this heart of mine. In the de - sert



1. in - ward Light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 2. high de - sire, pur - i - fy me with your fire.
 3. al - ways live, brave - ly serve and glad - ly give.
 4. toss - ing sea, grant me your tran - quil - i - ty.
 5. ways I sing, spring, O liv - ing Wa - ter, spring!

