



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 24, 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:** "We cannot always trace God's hand but we can always trust God's heart." ~ Charles Spurgeon

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**ONE:** Before we got up this morning  
and decided to come to church,

**ALL:** **God was waiting for us,  
to welcome us with grace.**

**ONE:** When we are unsure of what to do;  
when we falter before the next step,

**ALL:** **we come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One  
who teaches us all we ever need to know.**

**ONE:** When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice;  
when our fears cripple our souls,

**ALL:** **God delivers us with steadfast love;  
we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Once more we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our broken spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes that fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different. Forgive us, O God, and set us free from our wrongdoings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. May we offer you our joyful thanks as Jesus reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness. Amen.

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### A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (*Skip if no children are in attendance*)

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:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Luke 13:10-17

**HYMN                      *Lord of the Dance*****118**

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**SERMON****HYMN                      *Wonderful Words of Life*****668****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*)**

O God, we cannot forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all you have given us and for all you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others. May healing come to all who suffer and freedom be granted to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world. 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                      *Take My Life and Let It Be*****466****BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Carol Kynion

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, Lori Foley, Cathy Frutiger, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Kathy Ritter, 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

- Christ UCC, Belleville - Pastor Jon (Lisa) Tinge
- Concordia UCC, Belleville

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Donald (Anne) Sabbert

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carla Zobrist, Aug. 27

Robert Bittle, Aug. 29

Sophia Lowe, Aug. 29

Myrna & George Anderson, 67 years, Aug. 30

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, August 17, 2025

St. John's – 13    St. Jacob – 28

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### 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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### **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

### **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.

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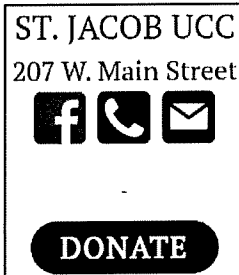
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING TODAY**

The drawing for the ELF's (in conjunction with Korte Meat Processing, Inc.) BBQ meat bonanza will be held **TODAY** following worship. You get a chance to win one of three prize packs worth \$50, \$150, & \$250 toward the cost of Korte's barbeque meats in exchange for your donation. Tickets are \$3 each, or four for \$10. Ticket packets are available on the table in the Narthex. The proceeds will be used for mission giving, including providing summer lunches, paying off the delinquent lunch debts from this past semester at the grade school, supplying emergency supplies for DuBois Center campers and sponsoring a girl in Kentucky, etc.

### **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.



### **WALK WITH GOD**

Come join our St. Jacob UCC 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](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com).

### **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 to lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The Lord's word came to me:

"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I made you a prophet to the nations."  
"Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child."  
The Lord responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'  
Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say.  
Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you," declares the Lord.  
Then the Lord stretched out his hand,  
touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth.  
This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,  
to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant."

**SECOND LESSON: Psalm 71:1-6**

I've taken refuge in you, Lord. Don't let me ever be put to shame!  
Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness!  
Bend your ear toward me and save me!  
Be my rock of refuge where I can always escape.  
You commanded that my life be saved  
because you are my rock and my fortress.

My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked;  
rescue me from the grip of the wrongdoer and the oppressor  
because you are my hope, Lord.  
You, Lord, are the one I've trusted since childhood.  
I've depended on you from birth –  
you cut the cord when I came from my mother's womb.  
My praise is always about you.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17**

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.