



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 28, 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: "The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness
from common things." ~ **Henry Ward Beecher**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The word has come to us from God:

ALL: Who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

ONE: The word has come to us from Jesus:

ALL: Who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

ONE: The word has come to us from the Spirit:

ALL: Who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God

* HYMN

You Servants of God

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Giving God, we need to confess how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we often miss the chance to gather your goodness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, and the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us and provided us with the love and grace we truly need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

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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:

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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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)*

What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community and in outreach throughout the world. Make us aware of the needy at our doors as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. Amen.

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

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<i>Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak; And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.</i>		

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE, September 21, 2025

St. John's – 17 St. Jacob – 28

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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SERVING YOU TODAY

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Angela Imming

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Kenzie Barker, Nancy McCaw, 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

- St. John's UCC, Collinsville - Rev. Jennifer Sowell

- St. Paul UCC, Columbia - Rev. Jonathan (Sharon) Bangera

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Dr. Robert E. (Jay) Lee

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYAS & ANNIVERSARIES

Diane Frey, Sept. 28

Julie Loehring, Sept. 28

Don Yann, Sept. 29

Gina & Robert Willie, 27 years, Sept. 29

Judith & Mark Kelly, 17 years, Oct. 4

Stephanie & Todd Rehg, 28 years, Oct. 4

Xevera Weycker, Oct. 4

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

OCT. 5: Dubois Fall Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DUBOIS FALL FESTIVAL SWEET SHOP DESSERT DONATIONS

The Sweet Shop staff requests donations of desserts, snacks, breads, cookies, trail mix, etc., for the DuBois Fall Festival Oct. 5. All proceeds go to the DuBois Scholarship Fund, to help cover camp fees for our young campers needing financial assistance. The Sweet Shop will be in Oak Lodge. If you get your goody donations to the St. Jacob UCC by 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, Pastor Phill will take them with him. Otherwise, there will be a drop-off location close to the entrance of the DuBois Center that morning. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Kniepkamp at (618) 567-6276.

ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL HELD 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday. All children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join the fun. To register, fill out the online form at: <https://forms.gle/eW6KTtPzSm4DkVtx5> or call 618-644-2142.

FRIEDENS SAUSAGE DINNER OCT. 12

Friedens UCC (207 E. Center St., Troy) annual sausage dinner (drive-thru only) will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 12. The menu includes grilled pork sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, sauerkraut & dessert for \$15.

ST. JOHN UCC WURSTMARKT DINNER OCT. 15

St. John UCC (307 W. Clay Street, Collinsville) Wurstmakt dinner (drive-thru only) will be held from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., meal includes one-pound sausage link, sauerkraut,

mashed potatoes & gravy, creamed peas, applesauce, horseradish & dessert for \$15. Uncooked sausage can be ordered for \$5 per one-pound link; to place an order call 618-344-2526 by Oct. 6. Order pick-up, 1-6 p.m. Oct. 14, via drive-thru at the west portico.

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 or for more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

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

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Living in the Most High’s shelter, camping in the Almighty’s shade,
I say to the Lord, “You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God – the one I trust!”

God will save you from the hunter’s trap and from deadly sickness.

God will protect you with his pinions; you’ll find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness is a protective shield.

Don’t be afraid of terrors at night, arrows that fly in daylight, or sickness that prowls in the dark,
destruction that ravages at noontime.

God says, “Because you are devoted to me, I’ll rescue you. I’ll protect you because you know my name.

Whenever you cry out to me, I’ll answer. I’ll be with you in troubling times.

I’ll save you and glorify you. I’ll fill you full with old age. I’ll show you my salvation.”

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: we'll be happy with food and clothing. But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life – you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

"The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being

tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted,

'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.'

"The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"