



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 12, 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:** “In those 84,600 seconds we call Today, how many of them we can fill with thanks? The more we train our brains toward 'grateful,' the more grateful there is to see.” ~ **Kelly Corbet**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Whether we live in an apartment or a house;  
if we reside in the city, suburbs, or small town:  
**ALL: God tells us to pray for the places where we live.**  
ONE: Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel;  
if we are young, old, insider or outcast:  
**ALL: God says, “when you search for me, you will find me.”**  
ONE: Whether we have been wandering and lost;  
or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:  
**ALL: God says, “I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.**

### \* HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us. Open our hearts, O God, to the wonders you are performing in our lives. Help us to see our neighbors of other cultures and places as you see them, enriching our community with their presence. And have mercy on us for surely you take the side of justice. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI** 734

**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 29:1, 4-7  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

**HYMN** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* 420

**SERMON**

**HYMN** *Healer of our Every Ill* 630

**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*)

We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. 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**      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*      **458**

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## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, October 5, 2025

St. John's – 13   St. Jacob – 23

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### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Audrey Yann

Accompanist:

Melissa Anderson Taylor

### 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,  
David Schmidt, 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, Du Quoin - Rev. Robert Morwell
- Christ UCC, Dupu - Rev. Todd (Suzanne) Mushaney

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Thomas Nadelin

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

Kevin Hollis, Oct. 13  
John Lowe, Oct. 13  
Dash Zobrist, Oct. 15  
Tyson Imming, Oct. 18

## **CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**OCTOBER 20:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 30:** Free Flu Immunization Clinic, 3 to 6 p.m., Heritage Hall

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### **ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL OCTOBER DATES**

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m., Oct. 19 and 26. All children pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 UCC SAUSAGE DINNER TODAY**

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., TODAY. The menu includes grilled pork sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, sauerkraut & dessert for \$15.

### **COLLINSVILLE ST. JOHN UCC WURSTMARKT DINNER WEDNESDAY**

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., WEDNESDAY, 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.

### **FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC OCT. 30**

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30 at Heritage Hall. The clinic is **only for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township**, and you must be 18 years or older (proof of residency is required). For more information call (618) 830-4656.

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

## 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

## 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.



### **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem.

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

### **SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. This saying is reliable:

“If we have died together, we will also live together.

If we endure, we will also rule together.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

If we are disloyal, he stays faithful”

because he can't be anything else than what he is.

Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them. Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, “Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”