



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2026

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: "As far back as you can go in history, you find human beings gathering around tables for the purpose of eating together. In the Bible and Jewish-Christian tradition, breaking bread together is perhaps both the humblest and the most meaningful reflection of unity." ~ **Joshua Becker**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Where shattered hearts are made whole, Where wounded souls are healed,
Where life is stronger than death:

ALL: There, the stone has been rolled away.

ONE: Where the lonely become our friends, Where a stranger is welcomed home,
Where hope is stronger than despair:

ALL: There, we find Jesus walking.

ONE: Where closed minds are opened, Where the anxious find serenity,
Where love is stronger than hate:

ALL: There, Jesus is opening our eyes.

ONE: The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

We become comfortable, O God, with our lives, with our faith, and with our family and friends. We are so secure in our choices that your Gospel shocks us with your hopes for us. We know we should tell your story, but doesn't everyone know it already? We could invite others to your table, but then we might have to share. We could welcome the stranger, but worry we might feel uneasy among unfamiliar faces. Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can become companions to the lost. Welcome us, so we can include the hopeless. Love us, so we can share that love with everyone we encounter on our journey of following Jesus. 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:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – Insert**HYMN***Open My Eyes, That I May See*

480

INVITATION TO OFFERING**GIVE THANKS:**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

*** HYMN***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

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610 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Unison

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the universal Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, APRIL 12, 2026

St. John's – 12 St. Jacob – 32

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/Liturgist: Kay Guse

Accompanist: Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

St. Jacob: Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Melody Hollis, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Taylor Ostrander, Kathy Ritter, Ethan Rock, 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 UCC, Valmeyer** - Rev. Steven (Carla) Boorsma

- **St. Paul UCC, Waterloo** - Rev. Kyle (Jacquelyn) Timmons

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Dr. Herbert (Bennie) Schafale

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Cheryl Byrnes, April 21
Marsha Shirley, April 22
Richard Erwin, April 23
Marilyn & Gary Warren, 55 years, April 24
Brice Ahrens, April 25,
Todd Roberts, April 25

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY: St. Jacob Council meeting, 6 p.m.

APRIL 26: Strawberry Festival meeting following worship/congressional meeting

ST. JACOB SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

St. Jacob UCC will hold a special congressional meeting directly after worship on Sunday, April 26, to discuss and vote upon the bid for resurfacing the parking lot.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED

We are preparing for our 42nd anniversary Strawberry Festival and need volunteer workers for preparations on Saturday, May 16th and for the event Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park. Also, we need cake/pie crust/cash donations. Volunteer sign-up/donation forms are on the table in the Narthex. For more information contact a festival committee member or call 618-644-2142.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

There are envelopes labeled for each family with Strawberry Festival raffle tickets on the table in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you have family members who are not here, but you could drop off the envelope to them, it would be greatly appreciated, as it will help save on postage. Thank you for your support!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FLYERS

We are preparing for our 42nd annual Strawberry Festival and we could use your help in getting the word out. There are pink flyers located on the table in the Narthex, please take a few and get them posted on bulletin boards at area businesses. The event will be held May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER MAY 3

“Little Rae of Sunshine” group fried chicken dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 3 at the Moose Lodge (7371 Marine Rd., Edwardsville, IL), cost is \$14. The “Little Rae of Sunshine” group was formed after Rae Lynne's passing to keep her legacy alive and to continue to address community building which she was an advocate of. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Their chicken is the best in town!

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):

April Shopping list: Canned tuna/chicken/beef, Rice-a-Roni, peas, green beans, mashed potatoes, hamburger/tuna/cheesy helper, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet paper

May Shopping list: Peanut butter, juice, jelly, crackers, canned stew, pork & beans, corn beef hash, hamburger/tuna/cheesy helper, deodorant, & body wash

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: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared,

“Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter replied, “Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away – as many as the Lord our God invites.” With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Those who accepted Peter’s message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

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SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly. Do this because you have been given new birth – not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things writ-ten about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.