



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 14, 2026**

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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: Reflection Quote:** “One good deed is more worth than a thousand brilliant theories. Let us not wait for large opportunities, or for a different kind of work, but do just the things we 'find to do' day by day.” ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ONE:** On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

**ALL:** We come, trusting God will speak to us;  
We come, hoping God will surprise us.

**ONE:** On this day, like every day, we seek to follow Jesus:

**ALL:** We follow, believing Jesus will be with us;  
We follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.

**ONE:** On this day, we lift our souls to God’s Spirit:

**ALL:** We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;  
We open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

How easily we pat ourselves on the back, O God, for the lives we lead. We welcome the praise of others but have little compassion for those who have failed us. We assume that a comfortable life is our birthright, yet believe poor choices produce suffering for those around us. We boast of the good we do but forget to thank you for all that you have done for us. Forgive us, Compassionate God, for breaking your heart and disappointing your hopes for us. As we seek to follow your son, lead us to those whose lives are barren, who have received no love from others – for in their presence, we will find Christ. 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:

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:23

## HYMN

*We've a Story to Tell the Nations*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

*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)*

We repeat our vows of commitment to you, gracious God, as we dedicate this offering. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the good news. May all that we dedicate here – our abilities, the fleeting moments of our day, the resources entrusted to our management – announce your reign and the nearness of your dominion. We give with joy and serve with delight, thanking you for this opportunity to share what you have given. 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

*The Summons*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE, JUNE 7, 2026**

**St. John's – 10    St. Jacob – 25**

### **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    Audrey Yann

Accompanist:    Melissa Anderson Taylor

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

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

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Ken Frutiger, Norma Logsdon,  
Jackie Miller, Joanne Meyer, Taylor Ostrander, Robin Pollman,  
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. Paul UCC, Carlinville - Rev. Eddie Burton

- Immanuel UCC, Carlyle - Pastor Ken (Barbara) Schafer

#### **Retired Pastors**

- Rev. Linda (Bob) Coulson

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tim Hirsch, June 15

Vic Duncan, June 16

Shelly & Jack Bittle, 8 years, June 17

Kelli Zurliene, June 20

## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JUNE 21: FATHER'S DAY**

**JUNE 22:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 6 p.m.

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### **CHURCH TRIP TO THE MUNY CANCELED**

St. Jacob UCC trip to the MUNY Saturday, June 20 has been canceled due to not enough people signed up.

### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS**

Volunteers and donations are needed for the free school lunch program. We're accepting monetary donations to purchase lunch supplies. Lunches are provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches are 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 assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. For more information, Audrey Yann, 618-567-8013 or Carol Kynion, 618-401-8805.

### **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

The Summer Grab-N-Go Lunch Program has returned for its 4th year this summer! This program is available for school-aged children in Lebanon or Summerfield every Monday–Friday. Lunches are first-come, first-served. Starting this year, children must be present to receive lunch. Pickup Locations are the Summerfield Fire Department, Rooted Community Church, and the Lebanon High School Parking Lot.

### **LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

Please volunteer to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

## 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):**

**June Shopping list:** Canned corn, BBQ sauce, chili beans, Pop Tarts, canned tomatoes, plain pasta, canned soup, pudding cups, toothpaste, & dental cream

**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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### FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way – since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened.

But he said, "No, you laughed."

The Lord was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the Lord carried out just what he had promised her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. Abraham named his son – the one Sarah bore him – Isaac. Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. Sarah said, "God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me." She said, "Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I've given birth to a son when he was old!"

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-8**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:23**

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Don't go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment. Workers deserve to be fed, so don't gather gold or silver or copper coins for your money belts to take on your trips. Don't take a backpack for the road or two shirts or sandals or a walking stick. Whatever city or village you go into, find somebody in it who is worthy and stay there until you go on your way. When you go into a house, say, 'Peace!' If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if the house isn't worthy, take back your blessing. If anyone refuses to welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet as you leave that house or city. I assure you that it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on Judgment Day than it will be for that city.

"Look, I'm sending you as sheep among wolves. Therefore, be wise as snakes and innocent as doves. Watch out for people – because they will hand you over to councils and they will beat you in their synagogues. They will haul you in front of governors and even kings because of me so that you may give your testimony to them and to the Gentiles. Whenever they hand you over, don't worry about how to speak or what you will say, because what you can say will be given to you at that moment. You aren't doing the talking, but the Spirit of my Father is doing the talking through you. Brothers and sisters will hand each other over to be executed. A father will turn his child in. Children will defy their parents and have them executed. Everyone will hate you on account of my name. But whoever stands firm until the end will be saved. Whenever they harass you in one city, escape to the next, because I assure that you will not go through all the cities of Israel before the Human One comes.