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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 11, 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 may be of service to you or your family.

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**Silent Reflection:** "It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision ... We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." ~ **Oscar A. Romero**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Here in this place, with these people,  
we come to worship the living God.

ALL: In you, O God, we hope;  
in you, Creator of love, we live.

ONE: Here in this sacred space, in these very moments,  
we are invited to the Table of Joy.

ALL: In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice;  
in you, dear Brother, grace is as near as your heart.

ONE: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty,  
we are filled with the peace of God.

ALL: In you, O Spirit, we find our path;  
in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others. Forgive us, God of all hope, and help us to remember that through your Son, Jesus Christ, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## GLORIA PATRI

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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:

Exodus 32:1-14

Acts 8:14-25

Matthew 22:1-14

## HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

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## SERMON

**HYMN***Lord of All Hopefulness*

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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*)

May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ's name. Amen.

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

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*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**\* HYMN***Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 4, 2026**

**St. John's – 8    St. Jacob – 30**

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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/Liturgist      Angela Imming

Accompanist:                      Melody Hollis

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

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

**St. Jacob:** Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson, and Jackie Miller

**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**

- Zion UCC, Marion - Rev. John (Sara) Holst

- Friedens UCC, Marissa - Rev. Brett (Carolyn) Palmer

#### **Retired Pastors**

- Rev. Paul Thompson, Jr.

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Trisha & Tim Christ, 12 years, Oct. 11

Kevin Hollis, Oct. 13

John Lowe, Oct. 13

Dash Zobrist, Oct. 15

## **CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall

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

**OCTOBER 19:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 21:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

**OCTOBER 23:** Judi Simmons visitation, 9-11 a.m., Celebration of Life, 11 a.m.

**OCTOBER 24:** Fellowship Breakfast, 8-9 a.m., Heritage Hall, all are welcome, freewill offering

**OCTOBER 29:** Free Flu Immunization Clinic, 3-6 p.m., Heritage Hall

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### **FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC OCT. 29**

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29 at Heritage Hall. The immunization clinic is **only for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township**, and you must be 18 years or older (proof of residency is required).

### **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 meet at the church and decide from there where we will walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. To sign-up, or more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com)

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

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m., every second and fourth Sunday. All children from pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the fun. To register contact the church office: e-mail: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com), or call 618-644-2142.

## 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.

**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (November-December) magazines are available 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):**

**October Shopping list:** Flour, canned stew, sugar, corn beef hash, vinegar, crackers, coffee, hearty soup, shampoo, & body lotion

**November Shopping list:** Syrup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pancake mix, oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, pudding cups, toilet bowl cleaner, & Mr. Clean

**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: Exodus 32:1-14

The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."

Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!" They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate.

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! They've already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They've bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I've been watching these people, and I've seen how stubborn they are. Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I'll make a great nation out of you."

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But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, “Lord, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so wipe them off the earth’? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, ‘I’ll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I’ve promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.’” Then the Lord changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

### **SECOND LESSON: Acts 8:14-25**

When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God’s word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon perceived that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money. He said, “Give me this authority too so that anyone on whom I lay my hands will receive the Holy Spirit.”

Peter responded, “May your money be condemned to hell along with you because you believed you could buy God’s gift with money! You can have no part or share in God’s word because your heart isn’t right with God. Therefore, change your heart and life! Turn from your wickedness! Plead with the Lord in the hope that your wicked intent can be forgiven, for I see that your bitterness has poisoned you and evil has you in chains.”

Simon replied, “All of you, please, plead to the Lord for me so that nothing of what you have said will happen to me!” After the apostles had testified and proclaimed the Lord’s word, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the good news to many Samaritan villages along the way.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!”’ But they paid no attention and went away – some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

“The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’

“Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’

“Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

## Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, dawn up -  
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, glow with -  
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, fill and  
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Peace di - vine, still this  
 5. Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, glad - den



1. on this soul of mine. Voice of God, and  
 2. in this heart of mine. Kin - dle ev - 'ry  
 3. nerve this will of mine. Bold - ly may I  
 4. rest - less heart of mine. Speak to calm this  
 5. now this heart of mine. In the de - sert



1. in - ward Light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 2. high de - sire, pur - i - fy me with your fire.  
 3. al - ways live, brave - ly serve and glad - ly give.  
 4. toss - ing sea, grant me your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 5. ways I sing, spring, O liv - ing Wa - ter, spring!

