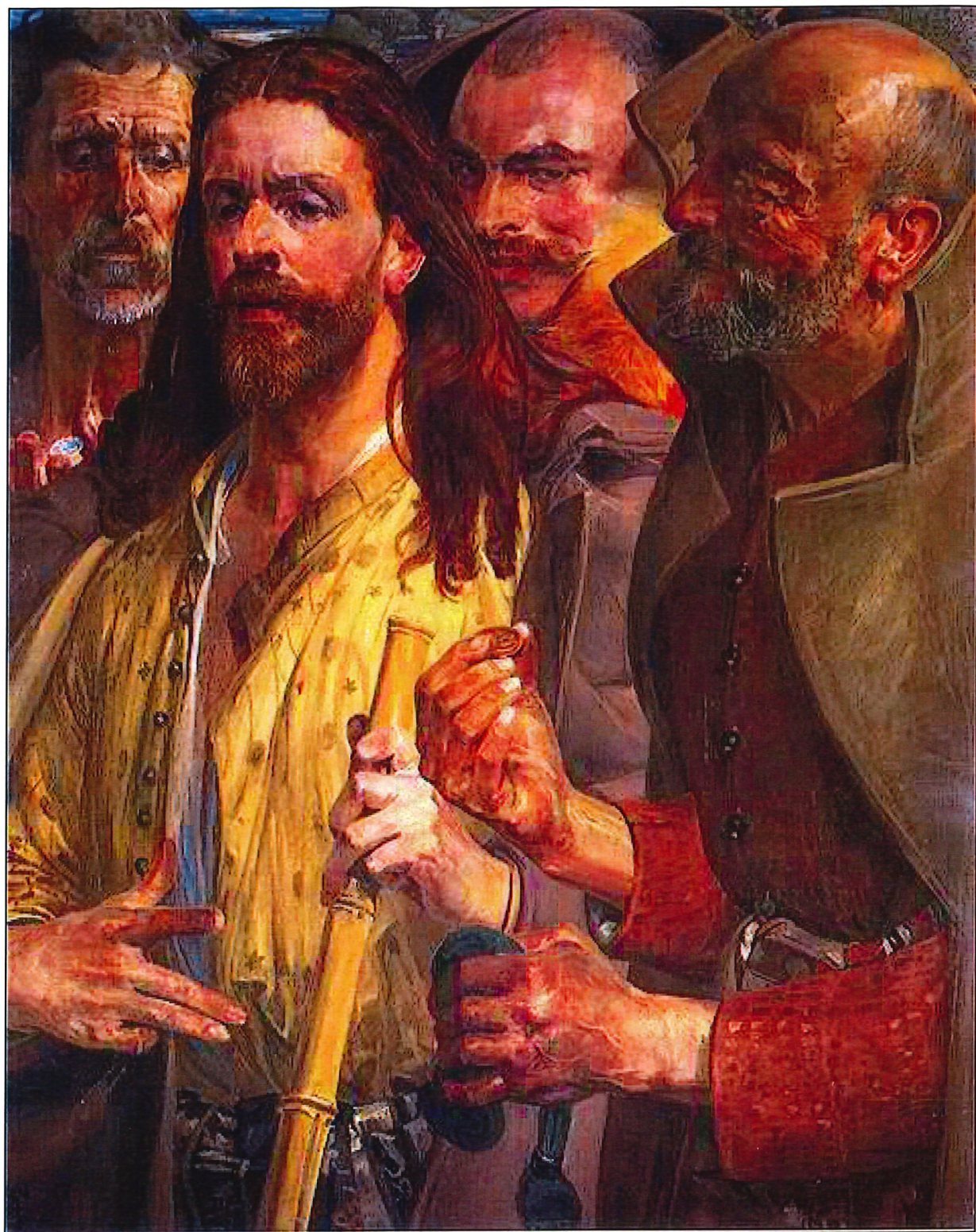




WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 18, 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 may be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection: "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." ~ **Martin Luther**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Each morning, God's grace awakens us.
Each evening, God's presence cradles us.

ALL: **Compassion is our constant companion,
as we go through work, school, the day.**

ONE: In every moment, God is present with us.
God whispers words which can change our lives.

ALL: **Justice is our faithful teacher,
pointing to where we can carry our fairness.**

ONE: When we find ourselves groping in the shadows,
God's light will provide a way home.

ALL: **We turn the corner and hope is waiting for us;
we return home and find a feast prepared.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Great lover of justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your children, we arrogantly assume others are not so honored; challenged to be examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends. Forgive us, O God. Enable us to stop putting you to the test so we can open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope. As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you. 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 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Matthew 22:15-22

APOSTLES' CREED – Insert**HYMN***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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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*)

O God, we sense that you are calling us to manage well all the things that belong to you. The empires of this world have no claim on the resources you have provided except as they are used for the common good. The offerings we receive as a church are not for our private benefit or to buy services for ourselves. Thus we dedicate these gifts you have provided in our money, our abilities, and our time to extend a helping hand and joyous welcome to every people on the face of the earth. 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***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

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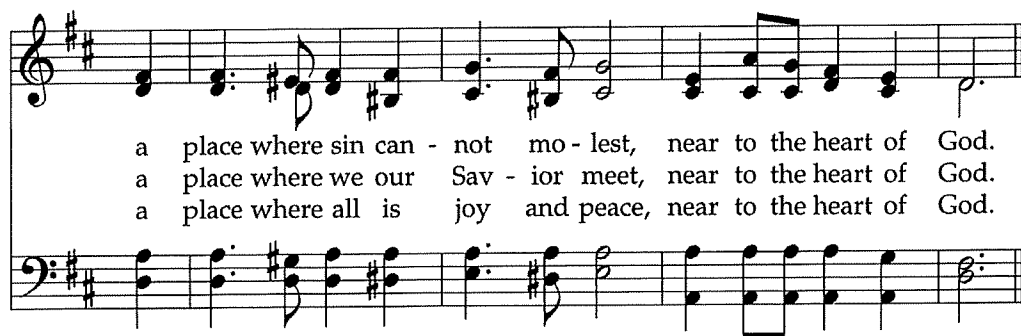
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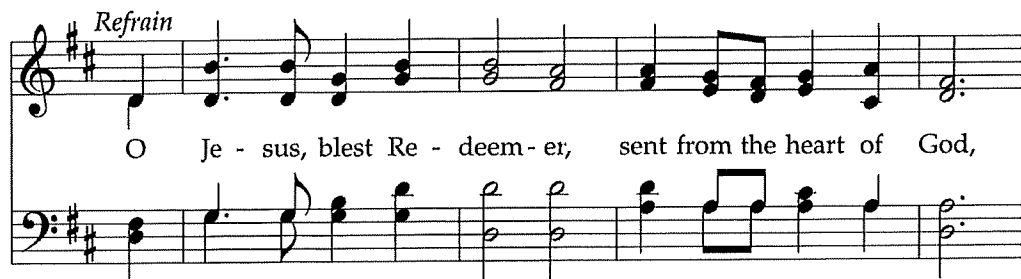
Near to the Heart of God



1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God;
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God;
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God;



a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.



Refrain
 O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us who wait be - fore you near to the heart of God.

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, OCTOBER 11, 2026

St. John's – 10 St. Jacob – 34

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Cathy Frutiger

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Melissa Anderson Taylor

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

- **Salem UCC, Alhambra** - Rev. Dr. Don (Nancy) Wagner (Bridge Pastor)

Pastor John Mindrup

- **Memorial Hospital of Belleville & Shiloh Chaplain** - Rev. Michelle (Aaron Brent Coleman) Torigian

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Hugh (Bo) Fitz

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tyson Imming, Oct. 18
Donna Lowe, Oct. 19
Christina Roberts, Oct. 19
Rick Ritter, Oct. 21
Kaitlin Woods, Oct. 21
Mikayla, Bloemker, Oct. 24
Charissa & John Hill, 34 years, Oct. 24

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY: Judi Simmons visitation, 9-11 a.m., Celebration of Life, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY: 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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in honor of our precious granddaughter Mikayla as she celebrates her 26th birthday on October 24, from Grandma Carol.

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).

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 5th grade are invited to join the fun. To register contact the church office: e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com, or call 618-644-2142.

THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room magazines (Nov-Dec) are available 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 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

ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on St. Jacob UCC’s web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the “DONATE” button located on the top-right corner of the “Home Page,” and the second is by clicking on “RESOURCES” and then “DONATE.” If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.

BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION

The ELF’s organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthex to place the labels.

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

Food Pantry “FILL THE SHELVES” drive-thru food donation drive will be held Nov. 6, from 2 to 6 p.m.; Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Nov. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop off location is 108 E. Dee Street, Lebanon, IL. There will be early drop off bins at the Lebanon and Summerfield Firehouses Nov. 1 through Nov. 5.

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: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “Look, you’ve been telling me, ‘Lead these people forward.’ But you haven’t told me whom you will send with me. Yet you’ve assured me, ‘I know you by name and think highly of you.’ Now if you do think highly of me, show me your ways so that I may know you and so that you may really approve of me. Remember too that this nation is your people.”

The Lord replied, “I’ll go myself, and I’ll help you.”

Moses replied, “If you won’t go yourself, don’t make us leave here. Because how will anyone know that we have your special approval, both I and your people, unless you go with us? Only that distinguishes us, me and your people, from every other people on the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I’ll do exactly what you’ve asked because you have my special approval, and I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Please show me your glorious presence.”

The Lord said, “I’ll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I’ll proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord.’ I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate. But,” the Lord said, “you can’t see my face because no one can see me and live.” The Lord said, “Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock. As my glorious presence passes by, I’ll set you in a gap in the rock, and I’ll cover you with my hand until I’ve passed by. Then I’ll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won’t be visible.”

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 99

The Lord rules – the nations shake! He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures – the earth quakes!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them thank your great and awesome name. He is holy!

Strong king who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair.

You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Magnify the Lord, our God! Bow low at his footstool! He is holy!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel too among those who called on his name.

They cried out to the Lord, and he himself answered them – he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud.

They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them.

Lord our God, you answered them.

To them you were a God who forgives but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds.

Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at his holy mountain because the Lord our God is holy!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked.

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.