

TREASURE

in heaven



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 10, 2021

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: "Children know the grace of god better than most of us. They see the world the way the morning brings it back to them; new and born and fresh and wonderful."
--Archibald MacLeish, "J. B."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.

Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

ALL: Oh, that we knew where to find God!

We want to hear and understand God's Word.

ONE: The word of God is living and active.

It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

ALL: We cannot hide from God who knows us.

God understands our thoughts and intentions.

ONE: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.

This is the time to embrace new ways.

ALL: Here we set the patterns for everyday life.

Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Almighty God, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us and help us in our time of need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**GLORIA PATRI****A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

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.

SCRIPTURES:

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Mark 10: 17-31

HYMN

Lord, We Hear Your Word

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SERMON

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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 wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 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

Stand By Me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Donna Lowe

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John: Ella Boggy, Nancy McCaw and Cindy Roll

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz,
Carol Zweck, and the family of a friend of John Zweck

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Hollis, October 13

John Lowe, October 13

Gail Miller, October 13

Dash Zobrist, October 15

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 3, 2021

St. John's - 17

St. Jacob - 28

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Jacob Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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:

Churches & Pastors

-St. Jacob UCC & St. John's UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

-Smithton St. John's UCC, Rev. Andrew (Kristin) Wilson

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Elmer and Linda Bowman, Jr., Trenton, IL



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CALENDAR

Tuesday & Thursday: Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment

Wednesday: ELFs meeting, 10 a.m.

ST. JACOB HAUNTED CHURCH SET FOR OCT. 22

The St. Jacob Youth Group will sponsor a Haunted Church Oct. 22 from 6:30-9 p.m., fun for all ages, free admission (donations accepted). Anyone interested in volunteering to help may call the church office at 618-644-2142.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD BOOTH

St. Jacob UCC is sponsoring a food booth (ham & beans) at the Taste of St. Jacob festival from 6-9 p.m., Oct. 22. Volunteers are needed to help make the ham and beans and to staff the booth; to sign up, call the church office at 618-644-2142.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

St. Jacob UCC is sponsoring a “trunk” at the St. Jacob Trunk or Treat from 6-9 p.m., Oct. 22. Candy donations would be greatly appreciated. To donate candy, please drop it by the church office by Oct. 21.

ST. JOHN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SESSION WEEKLY

Sunday School will be held weekly during the 8:45 a.m. service at St. John’s UCC.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SESSION 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m., every second and fourth Sunday each month. Youth ages 3 and up are encouraged to join the fun. The program is still in need of additional volunteer helpers, as well as another teacher. Anyone interested in helping may call the church office at 618-644-2142 to sign up.

BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION

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

FIRST LESSON. Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL. Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

