



We Are
Called to Serve

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 17, 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: “There is nothing small in the service of God.”

- Saint Francis De Sales

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.

Let your spirit soar amid the wonders of creation.

ALL: There is pulsing life all around us.

The earth is full of God’s creatures.

ONE: Sun and rain proclaim God’s infinite imagination.

Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

ALL: It is God who shares with us wisdom and understanding.

We depend on God for the gift of life.

ONE: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.

ALL: We reach out for answers to our questions.

We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.

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

Reigning God, we confess that we, like the disciples James and John, seek places of honor, privilege, and reward. We succumb to the temptation to compare ourselves with others to our advantage. We want privilege without pain, greatness without the grind of hard work. We expect rewards for our efforts. We talk about serving you, but we do not want the rank of servant. We have lots of ideas about what you might do to intervene in the world and little commitment to what we might do in your name. Forgive us and help us, gracious God.

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 38: 1-7, (34-41)

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: 35-45

HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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SERMON

HYMN

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

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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*)

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your people find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to a new understanding and joy. 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

They'll Know We are Christians

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Donna Lowe

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John: Ella Boggy 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

Donna Lowe, October 19
Onis & Carol Zweck, 48 years, October 20
Kaitlin Woods, October 21
Jerry Schmitt, October 23

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 10, 2021

St. John's – 11

St. Jacob - 41

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

-Staunton St. Paul UCC, Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins

-Stone Church St. Peter's UCC

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Wesley and Doris Bornemann, St. Louis, MO



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CALENDAR

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

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

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

ST. JACOB HAUNTED CHURCH SET FOR FRIDAY

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

VOLUNTEERS/CORNBREAD 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., Friday. Volunteers are needed to help make the ham and beans Thursday starting at 9 a.m., and to set-up/staff the booth Friday. Donations of baked cornbread are also needed, please drop them off at the church by Friday morning. To sign up, or for more information, call 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., Friday. Candy donations would be greatly appreciated. To donate candy, please drop it by the church by Friday morning.

FREE FLU IMMUNIZATIONS SET FOR OCT. 28

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3-6 p.m. Oct. 28th at Heritage Hall. The immunizations are only for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township 18 years and older. Proof of residency is required. The event is sponsored by the St. Jacob Township. For more information call Scott Rose, 644-4519, Tom Carson, 644-3981 or Diane Frey, 644-9319.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST OCT. 30

St. Jacob UCC Fellowship Breakfast will be held from 8-10 a.m., Oct. 30. Come out and enjoy a great meal (donations are accepted).

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (November-December) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx.

FIRST LESSON. Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ("Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?)

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL. Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

