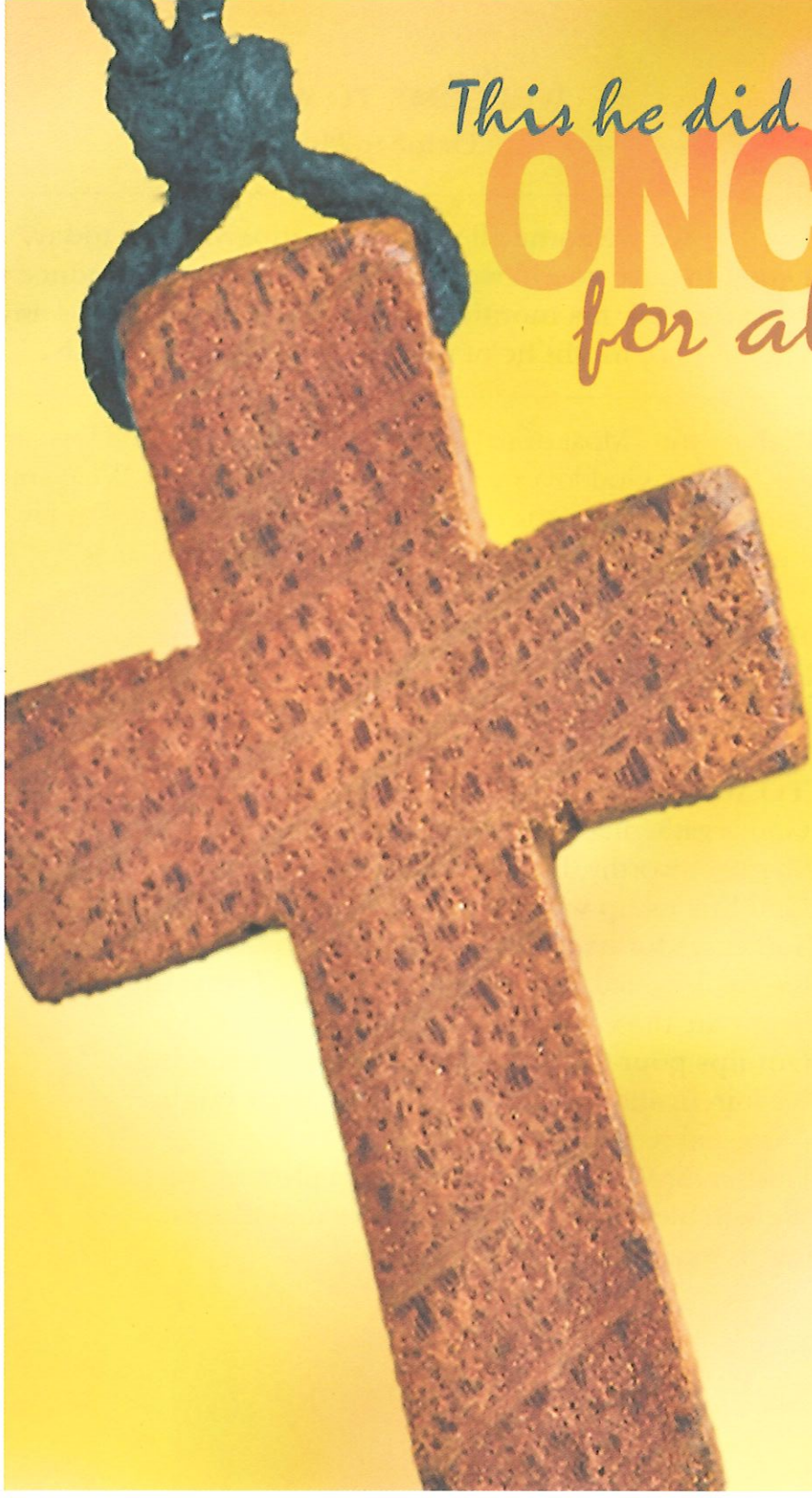


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 24, 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: "Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change." ~ Richard Rohr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God is gathering us from many different places.
No one is worthy, but all are invited.

**ALL: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.
God cares for us amid our pain and losses.**

ONE: We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble.
Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

**ALL: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.
We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.**

ONE: Taste and see how good God is.
Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

**ALL: We will bless our God in all times and places.
Let us exalt God's name together!**

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

We confess, O God, that our lives have made of you a distant deity. We listen to what others say about you, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who you are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We are not ready to repent in dust and ashes, but we do ask for mercy as we face up to sins we have not recognized and wrongdoing we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness, and help us to grow in the way you would have us go. 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 42: 1-6, 10-17

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

HYMN *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* 65

SERMON

HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* 411

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*)

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. 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**

Lord, I want to Be a Christian

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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 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 AND ANNIVERSARIES

John & Charissa Hill, 29 years, October 24

Troy Gansmann, October 26

Kathy Ritter, October 27

Denise & Paul Baer, 49 years, October 27

Thomas McCaw, October 28

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 17, 2021

St. John's – 17

St. Jacob - 42

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

-Summerfield St. John UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

-Tower Hill St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance

Retired Pastors

- Rev. P. Jerry Bennett, Highland, IL

HALO PROGRAM NEEDS GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Hoyelton's Healing and Loving Oneself (HALO) program is in need of gift card donations. HALO provides resources, counseling and mentoring to high-risk youth and young adults ages 11 to 25. Youth are at-risk or confirmed survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Gift cards should be in denominations of \$10 and can be from Wal-Mart or Dollar General. You may leave the gift cards in the offering plate, drop them in the basket on the table in the St. Jacob Narthx, or drop them off at the church office.

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CALENDAR

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in honor of our precious granddaughter, Mikayla Bloemker on the celebration of her 21st birthday from Grandpa Charlie and Grandma Carol Kynion.

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).

PASTOR PHIL'S INSTALLATION NOV. 14

The Installation of Rev. Philip Barbier will be held Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. at St. Jacob UCC. If you are attending, please RSVP to 618-644-2142 or stjucc@hometel.com by Nov. 5 for the meal count. All clergy who attend are welcome to robe. Please wear a red stole and arrive by 2:30 p.m. Following the service, refreshments and a meal will be held in Heritage Hall. A freewill offering will be collected for DuBois Center. The service will also be streamed live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjacobucc> and

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6d06ER30xAarVN3hKSvyGg>

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 25

FIRST LESSON. Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL. Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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