



Two small
copper coins,
all she had

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 7, 2021

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.

It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to our Pastor, this morning and let us know if there is any way we might be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection: "Is death the last sleep? No, it is the last final awakening."

- Sir Walter Scott, "Ivanhoe"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all who are anxious or burdened.

This is a time to experience good news.

ALL: This is God's house, and we can meet God here.

We are brought together in the family of God.

ONE: Come with expectancy and anticipation.

God is present to greet you and change your life.

ALL: We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.

We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

ONE: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy.

In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

ALL: Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain.

Unless we view our city as God's own, there is emptiness here.

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

All-wise God, you know how much we enjoy being honored above others, and how often we resent the special respect other receive. You are aware of the shortcuts we take for our own advantage. You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are. You observe not only our actions but our motives as well. We need your help to put away all that is false and to discover our true identity as your children. Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**GLORIA PATRI**

TOTENFEST: *We Gather to Remember* (see insert)

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:

Psalms 127 (Insert)

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12: 38-44

SERMON

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 in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, with beginning among us now. 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 *One Bread, One Body*

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

ONE: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this
table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

ONE: God be with you

ALL: And also with you

ONE: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

God of new life, with joy we have received the sacraments of bread and wine. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite us together in love that we may be servants of your word. Amen.

*HYMN

Take My Life and Let it Be

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person Beth Hanser

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 31, 2021

St. John's 21

St. Jacob 40

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

-Valmeyer St. John UCC, Rev. Steven Boorsma

-Waterloo St. Paul UCC, Rev. Jeff McCarn

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Robert and Doris Utke, St. Paul, MN

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

Denise Baer, November 7

Kristen Kniepkamp, November 8

Darik Zobrist, November 10

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CALENDAR

Wednesday: ELFs meeting, 10 a.m.

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. 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>

NO SERVICE AT ST. JACOB NOV. 14

Due to preparing for the installation ceremony, there will be no 10:15 a.m. service at St. Jacob on Nov. 14. Anyone wanting to attend church service that morning is welcome to attend St. John's service at 8:45 a.m.

HOYLETON

We will be participating in Hoyleton's Christmas gift program again this year. We have committed to provide 45 gifts for children in their residential program. There are still about a dozen cards with the gift requests are available for you to pick up on the table in the Narthx. Gifts will need to be brought to church by Sunday, Nov. 28th for delivery to Hoyleton. Thank you to those members who have already picked one up.

ST. JACOB CHURCH COUNCIL NEEDS TWO NEW MEMBERS

Two members of the St. Jacob Church Council will have their terms expire as of Dec. 31. Please consider volunteering to serve on the church council. For more information call the office at 618-644-2142.

SNOW SHOVELING

Winter weather will be here before you know it. Please volunteer to shovel the church sidewalks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 27

FIRST LESSON. Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL. Mark 12:38-44

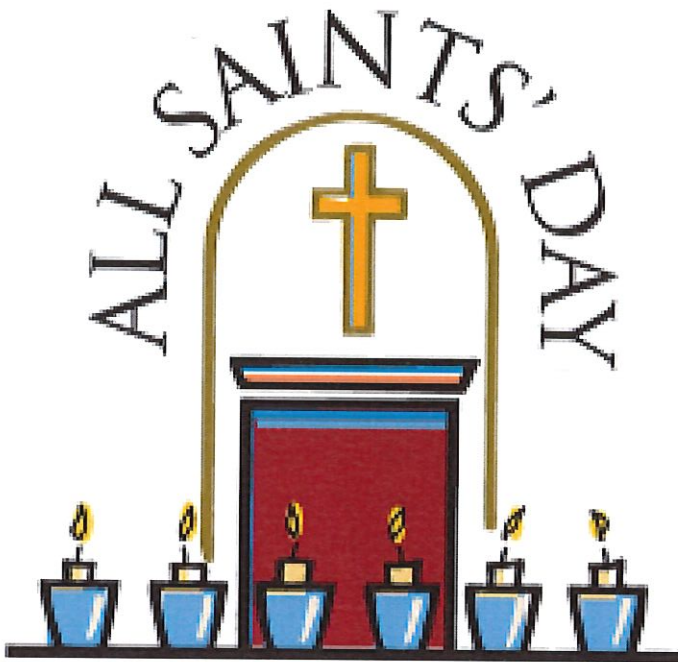
As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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TOTENFEST

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER



St. Jacob United Church of Christ
November 7, 2021

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INTRODUCTION

Pastor: As baptized believers in Christ, we are also baptized into Christ's death. In doing so, we are united with Christ through Christ's resurrection so that we might share in eternal life with Christ. Let us now hear the names of those, our brothers and sisters, who have been called home this past year and who are now sharing in the power of that eternal life.

We remember the following members and friends:

Edward L. Miller
Nona M. Cook
Kathyrn A. Cook
William A. McKinney
Clarence Miller
Anna Reinheimer

Pastor: Let us now have a moment of silence to remember our loved ones who have been called home this past year.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

PASTOR: God, whose hand reaches to the farthest star and to the depths of the sea, we feel the loss of no longer having those who have passed on with us. We also feel the gain of the time they were with us.

MANY: Their vital spark is burned in our memories, though they have departed.

PASTOR: We recall their ears,

MANY: Hearing our cries.

PASTOR: We recall their eyes,

MANY: Seeing our joys and pains.

PASTOR: We recall their touch,

MANY: Holding our hands.

PASTOR: We recall their voices,

MANY: Speaking to our hearts.

ALL: We continue to live with the best they had to give because it lives within us.

HYMN: *Rejoice In God's Saints*

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PRAYER FOR COMFORT (*Unison*)

This day, we pause to give thanks for the gift of individuals who were special to many of us. We give thanks for the church which has nurtured us through the years, both ministering to us and enabling us to minister to others in Your name. We would recall the past with love, in order that we might live in the present with dignity. We ask for your guidance each day, that we may serve you well, with all things. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CHIMES OF REMEMBRANCE