



**The joy**

**of the**

**LORD**

**is your**

**strength**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 23, 2021

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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.

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## Silent Reflection:

“The temple of God is the holy people in Jesus Christ. The Body of Christ is the living temple of God and of the new humanity.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let the ears of all people be attentive;

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

ALL: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.

Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

ONE: Day and night, God is at work among us.

We are drawn together into one body, the church.

ALL: As we commune with God, we know we need one other.

Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

ONE: Hear once again the laws and commandments.

Find them sure and right and true for all.

ALL: We sweep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.

We seek true community in which all are honored.

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

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken—our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so sins will not have dominion over us. 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:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4: 14-21

## HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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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)*

In the Spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. 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

### *Help Us Accept Each Other*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Don Yann

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Ella Boggy

**St. Jacob:** Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Ross Busher, Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson,  
Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, and Carol Zweck

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Carol & Charlie Kynion, 51 years, January 23

Rodney Ahlmeyer, January 25

June Boggy, January 25

Gina Hirsch, January 27

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, January 16, 2021

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – 31

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### 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

-Dupo Christ UCC, Rev. Todd (Suzanne) Mushaney

-Dupo First Congregational UCC, Pastor Julie Kies

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Dave and Kathryn Riebeling, Fults, IL

#### **DUBOIS 6.0: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY**

DuBois Center turns 60 in 2022. While the first 60 years have been great, DuBois Center needs some maintenance and expansion to get it ready for the next 60.

DuBois has begun a Capital Campaign with a goal **\$225,290** to meet those needs.

Current donations are at **\$38,472**, thanks to many generous donors, they're on their way to meeting that goal. For more information on these projects including

descriptions and estimates please visit: <https://iscucc.org/dubois-6-0-campaign>.

Donations may be sent to the Illinois South Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249 or online at the Conference or DuBois Center websites:

[www.iscucc.org](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** St. John's annual meeting, noon

**January 30:** St. Jacob annual meeting immediately following worship

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### **ST. JACOB 2021 GIVING STATEMENTS**

2021 Giving Statements are available on the table in the Narthx.

### **SNOW SHOVELING**

Winter weather is here. Please volunteer to shovel the church sidewalks. We still have several weeks to fill. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx (St. Jacob). Thank you!



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION**

In case of inclement weather, we have implemented the following procedure: No later than 8 a.m. on Sunday morning there will be a message on the church answering machine (618-644-2142) stating whether church will be cancelled. Also, the cancellation of service will be posted on Facebook and Channel 5.

### **HALO PROGRAM NEEDS GIFT CARD DONATIONS**

Hoyelton's HALO program needs 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.

### **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. Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

**GOSPEL. Luke 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."