



Before  
I formed  
you  
*in the  
womb*  
I knew  
you

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 30, 2022

---

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:

"Prayer in action is love, love in action is service." ~ Mother Teresa

---

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.

Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

ALL: God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.

God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

ONE: Hope in God, who has created you.

Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

ALL: God accepts us, even when people do not.

God affirms us, even when we fail.

ONE: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

ALL: We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.

We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. Yet keep us from insisting on our own way, which may not be your way. 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:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Luke 4: 21-30

## HYMN

### *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

93

John Wyeth | Rusty Edwards © Words: 1987 Hope Publishing Company Music: Public Domain *For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) CCLI License # 20849486*

## SERMON

## HYMN

### *The Summons*

350

Graham Maule | John L. Bell © Words: 1987 WGRG, c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland (Admin. by Wild Goose Resource Group)  
Music: 1987 WGRG, c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland (Admin. by Wild Goose Resource Group) *For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) CCLI License # 20849486*

## 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 awe and wonder before you, O God, we dare to enlist all our efforts toward the realization of your realm. Where there is injustice, we would champion those oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept them in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. 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, Speak to Me*

593

Frances Ridley Havergal | Robert Alexander Schumann © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain *For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) CCLI License # 20849486*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Don Yann

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Denise Baer and Ella Boggy

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

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Shirley, February 1

Barbara Baer, February 2

Ashley Ahrens, February 3

Steven Shirley, February 4

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, January 23, 2022

St. John's – 21

St. Jacob – 38

---

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Secretary's office hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Jacob Phone: 618-644-2142 / St. Jacob E-mail: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com)

Website: [stjacobucc.org](http://stjacobucc.org)

Pastor Phil Barbier Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: [pastor@hometel.com](mailto:pastor@hometel.com)

---

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

-DuQuoin St. John's UCC, Rev. Robert Morwell

-East St. Louis Good Shepherd of Faith, Pastor Norma Patterson

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Allen and Lynn Reiter, Hamel, 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 **\$44,971**, 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).

---

Portions reprinted [or adapted] by permission of United Church Press from *Gathered by Love* by Lavon Bayler. Copyright 1994 by United Church Press.

## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** St. Jacob annual meeting immediately following worship

**February 20:** Strawberry Festival meeting, following service

---

### **STRAWBERRY FEST NEEDS SPONSORS/DONATIONS**

We are preparing for our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival and are seeking sponsors to help offset the costs of the event., as well as raffle donations. The event will be held May 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Jacob Township Park & St. Jacob UCC parking lot. This event draws more than 3,000 people from the surrounding areas. It's a family-friendly event including musical entertainment, jump houses, pony rides, face painting, and local craft vendors. Sponsor information and forms will be available on our website: [stjacobucc.org](http://stjacobucc.org), from a strawberry festival committee member, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

### **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!



### **MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Highland Meals on Wheels program needs a volunteer coordinator/driver for the St. Jacob, IL area. Meals on Wheels is a program that delivers hot meals to individuals at home who may not be able to make or purchase their own. Meals are prepared at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland and delivered to their homes five days a week (Monday-Friday). Currently there are four people in the St. Jacob/Marine area in which meals are delivered. There are currently several drivers, so you wouldn't need to make deliveries each day. As the coordinator/driver for the St. Jacob area, you would schedule yourself and the other drivers to ensure the deliveries are made. For more information, call Jonell Safford at 618-304-4731.

**JANUARY 30, 2022**

**(C)**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**GOSPEL. Luke 4:21-30**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

From the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible Copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

