



Your  
reward  
is great  
in heaven



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 13, 2022

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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:

"Which is stronger and more powerful, the hardness of the human heart or God's  
unrelenting, infinite, expansive love?" ~ Rob Bell, Love Wins

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Blessed are those who trust in God,  
Who delight to meditate on God's law.

**ALL: We long to hear the Word of God  
And let the Word shape our lives.**

ONE: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,  
who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**ALL: We intend to give our best to our Creator,  
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

ONE: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,  
Who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

**ALL: We come now to worship and find new life,  
to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**

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

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of the spirit. We put our trust in things and in sinners' empty promises. We even deceive ourselves, shaping our words and actions to please the crowd. We have doubted the resurrection, surrendering to a sense of futility and skepticism. Turn us around, God, so we can learn to trust you and find strength in giving of ourselves. 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 17: 5-10

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Luke 6: 17-26

## HYMN

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

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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*)

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves may bear fruit daily. 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

### *Blessed Assurance*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person  
Accompanist

Andy Schrieber  
Melissa Taylor

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Ella Boggy, Linda Noltkampter, and John Roll

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

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Terri Barnhart, February 14  
Karen Steinkoenig, February 16  
Carol Zweck, February 17  
Judy Bolton, February 19

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, February 6, 2022

St. John's – 17

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

-Fairview Heights St. John UCC, Rev. Rosemary Captain

-Farina Friedens UCC

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Russell and Doris Miller, Metropolis, IL

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### **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 **\$45,021**, 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

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

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

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

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### **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. JAMES TRIVIA NIGHT**

St. James Catholic Church Trivia Night will be held March 5 at the St. Jacob Community Building. Doors open at 6 p.m., and Trivia begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$100 per team (18 table limit). Participants may bring table snacks, however, no outside drinks allowed – beverages will be available for purchase. To reserve a table, contact Sharon Dickman at 618-691-8275 ([sdickman@hometel.com](mailto:sdickman@hometel.com)) or Judy Brendel 618-210-8017 ([brendel@hometel.com](mailto:brendel@hometel.com)).

### **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!

**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (March - April) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob.

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**GOSPEL. Luke 6:17-26**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

