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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 20, 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:**

"Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, 'Love your enemies.' It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS**

### **PRELUDE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come near to one another and to our God.  
Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.

**ALL: This is a time for meeting and greeting.**  
**This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.**

ONE: Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.  
God is our refuge in whom we trust.

**ALL: We believe God is here and will be known by us.**  
**Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.**

ONE: We are here to receive life in all its abundance.  
God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.

**ALL: God raises us up and sends us forth.**  
**Surely God will help us whenever we go.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Kind God, we have sinned against you. We have judged and condemned those whose actions offend us. We hesitate to forgive our enemies or make allowances for the behavior of those less fortunate than ourselves. We confess that we do not pray regularly for our friends, much less for our enemies. Our giving is motivated by self-interest as much as by thankfulness and compassion. We admit our failures and ask once more for pardon and renewal, in Jesus' name. 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:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

Luke 6: 27-38

## HYMN

### *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

### *I Need Thee Every Hour*

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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*)

Receive our joy, O God, along with our gifts. We reach out with this offering to do good in and through our church. May any who have harmed others be helped. Heal us of unjust anger, jealousy, and strife. Through our shared life in this community of faith, create in us the image of one who dwells in heaven. Let us share with the whole world the blessings we receive from your hand. 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

### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Andy Schrieber

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Ella Boggy, Pastor Nancy Brooks, Linda Noltkampfer, and John Roll

**St. Jacob:** George & Myrna Anderson, Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Pastor Nancy Brooks, Ross Busher, Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Carol Zweck, and the Family of Gladys Schiefer

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Yann Mueller, February 20

Tavey Duncan, February 22

Bruce Frank, February 24

Justin Huelsmann, February 26

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, February 13, 2022

St. John's – 10

St. Jacob – 33

### 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

-Fieldon UCC, Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo, Interim Pastor

-Floraville St. Paul UCC, Pastor Matt (Laura) Friz

#### Retired Pastors

- Revs. Earl Menchhofer and Pamela Smith, Conyers, GA

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### **Ash Wednesday Service:**

March 2nd - 7 p.m. - St. Jacob UCC

#### **Lenten Series:**

Join us for the Wednesday evenings in Lent for a Bible study and discussion on the topic of "What is Lent?"

Week 1 - March 9th - 7 p.m. - *Lent as a time of waiting*

Week 2 - March 16th - 7 p.m. - *Lent as a time of facing temptation*

Week 3 - March 23rd - 7 p.m. - *Lent as a time of reflection*

Week 4 - March 30th - 7 p.m. - *Lent as a time of repentance*

Week 5 - April 6th - 7 p.m. - *Lent as a time of growth*

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** Strawberry Festival meeting, following service

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

**Saturday:** Fellowship breakfast, 8 a.m., St. Jacob Heritage Hall

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### **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SATURDAY**

Please join us for our February Fellowship breakfast, starting at 8 a.m., in Heritage Hall. The breakfast is prepared by the St. Jacob UCC Brotherhood and the Youth Group.

*\* Donations are accepted \**



### **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 three weeks in March and two in April to fill. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx (St. Jacob). Thank you!

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**FIRST LESSON. Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**GOSPEL. Luke 6:27-38**

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

