

*This is my Son,
my Chosen;
listen to him!*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 27, 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:

“Mountains are not stadiums where I satisfy my ambition to achieve, they are the cathedrals where I practice my religion.” ~ Anatoli Boukreev

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come together, a community of faith.

We have gathered to talk and listen to our God.

ALL: **May our faces shine in anticipation.**

Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

ONE: We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.

Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

ALL: **We come with boldness to encounter our Creator.**

We assemble here, eager to be changed by God.

ONE: Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God.

Our failures become opportunities for learning.

ALL: **Let us praise God's holy name in chorus.**

Let us share in the glory of life. What a gift!

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

We tremble before you, O God, for we have sinned. You already know what we have done and what we have failed to do. Hear us now as we recognize and admit our actions and inaction in violation of the trust you have placed in us. Enter into our excuses and our pretensions, Holy One, that we may be saved for ministry and mission. 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:

Exodus 34: 29-35

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2

Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43)

HYMN

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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SERMON

HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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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 choosing us to speak for you and to act on your behalf. It is an honor to share with others what you have entrusted to us. Our offerings represent our selves and the depth of our commitment. We rededicate to you the talents, abilities, and resources you have placed in our hands. May we be faithful in our mutual ministry. 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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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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, Pastor Nancy Brooks, Linda Noltkampter, and John Roll

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Margie Foxworthy, March 1
Sarah King, March 2
Elsie Brandmeyer, March 3
Marsha & Jason Shirley, 17 years, March 5

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, February 20, 2022

St. John's – 15

St. Jacob – 36

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

-Freeburg St. Paul's UCC, Rev. Rick Mortimer

-Godfrey Congregational Church, Rev. Richard (Sarah) McCreary

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Nancy Spier-Lee and Kevin Lee, Dupon, 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 **\$54,616**, 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 and www.DuBoisCenter.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKS ENCOURAGED, BUT NO LONGER REQUIRED

With the declining COVID numbers in Madison County, and the planned lifting of the state mask mandate tomorrow, the St. Jacob Council has decided to no longer require a mask at Sunday services and large gatherings. The CDC does continue to recommend wearing masks in indoor settings when the weekly case rate is over 50 new cases per week per 100,000 residents. Currently in Madison County the case rate is 142 new cases per week per 100,000 residents. So the St. Jacob Council still recommends masking if possible.

ELFS LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Our ELF group has adopted a mission project in conjunction with our Lenten season. The ELFs will be collecting and distributing items to the Samaritan House in Granite City, which is a shelter for women and children, and also to Highland Health Care. There is a board set up in the vestibule with needed items. All are encouraged to browse the items needed and help out as you are able. Items collected will be delivered before Easter. We are blessed and anxious to share our blessings.

YOUTH GROUP PARTICIPATING IN SERVICE PROJECT

St. Jacob UCC Youth Group will participate in an "Open Build Day" March 19 at Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 10 Crossroads Court, Alton, IL. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that builds bunk beds and donates them to needy children in our communities. Volunteers will learn the basics of bed building. All are welcome to join in the fun. For more information contact Dawn Mersinger at 618-792-4316.

STRAWBERRY FEST NEEDS SPONSORS/DONATIONS

We are preparing for our 38th 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, from a Strawberry Festival committee member, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

FIRST LESSON. Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

SECOND LESSON. 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL. Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. (On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.)

