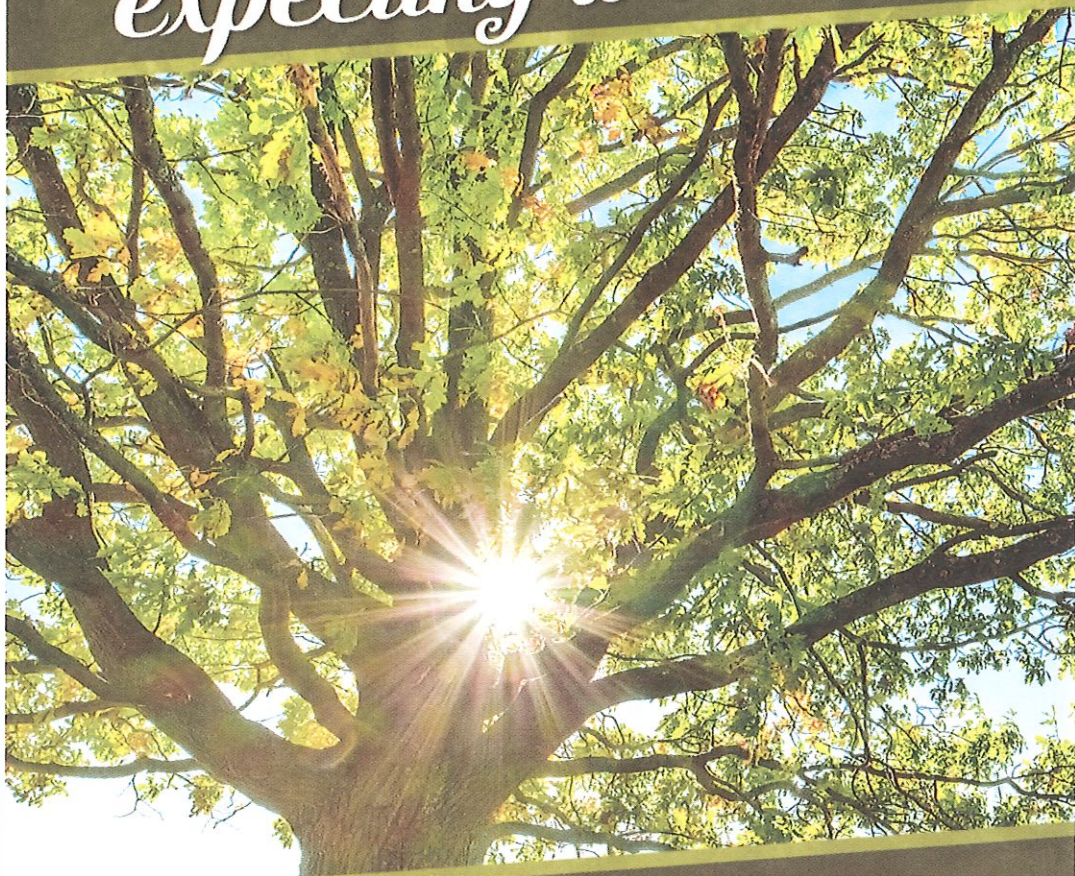


*We are
expecting a Savior,*



*the
Lord Jesus Christ*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 13, 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:

"We Covenant with the Lord and one with another; and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his Blessed word of truth." ~ *Salem Covenant of 1629*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Put away your hesitation to come before God;
quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**ALL: God is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?**

ONE: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance;
look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

**ALL: God is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?**

ONE: Let us watch and wait with our Creator;
let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**ALL: Teach us your ways, O God,
And lead us on a level path.**

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

God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things in life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires. 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 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27 (INSERT)

Luke 13: 31-35

HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

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SERMON

HYMN

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

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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 confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to you 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

The God of Abraham Praise

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POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person
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Dawn Mersinger
Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Nancy McCaw, Linda Noltkampter, and Cindy Roll

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Lily Zobrist, March 19

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, March 6, 2022

St. John's – 18

St. Jacob – 31

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

-Grantfork UCC, Rev. Tim (Janet) Darmour-Paul

-Hamel Immanuel UCC, Rev. Dana Schindler

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Fred and Shirley Wehrenberg, Columbia, IL

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Wednesday: Lenten Study, 7 p.m., St. Jacob UCC, theme is "*Lent as a time of temptation,*" and the Bible readings will be James 1:13-16 & Mark 7:20-23.

Wednesday: St. Jacob Council meeting, following Lenten Study

STRAWBERRY FEST PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Strawberry Festival planning committee would like additional help in preparing for this year's event. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend their next meeting which will be held March 20 after the St. Jacob service.

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 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 as you are able. Deadline to donate is April 10. Items collected will be delivered before Easter.

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. 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.

MARCH 13, 2022

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST LESSON. Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

SECOND LESSON. Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL. Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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Psalm 27 (Second Lesson)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold^[a] of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

