

The
word is near you,



on your lips
and in your heart

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 6, 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:

"Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die we can't remember who we
are or why we're here." - Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Gather to remember and share stories of faith;
Rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

**ALL: Before our stories began, there was God;
Through all our days, God walks with us.**

ONE: Worship the one who gives and sustains life;
sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

**ALL: There is no place we can go where God is not;
amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.**

ONE: Delight in God, who protection we enjoy;
dance with the God, who frees us for new possibilities.

**ALL: We call out to God, expecting to be heard;
we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.**

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

Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage. We are more concerned with what we eat than with who will get to eat today. Our own security is more important to us than the health and safety of all your children. The first fruits of our labor grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. We prefer that you keep your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and service, as forgiven and forgiving people. 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:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13

HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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SERMON

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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*)

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust, that it may be spent in ways you choose, in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell. May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

HYMN

Come, Share the Lord

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

ONE: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

ONE: God be with you

ALL: And also with you

ONE: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith around the world and of every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, who you sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our prayers with the entire family of your faithful people, everywhere and in every time:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest!**

ONE: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.

At his final meal with his disciples, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus did the same with the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, and on us, your children.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

On Eagle's Wings

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Dawn Mersinger

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

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 AND ANNIVERSARIES

Gary Warren, March 8

Sandy & Ron Rujawitz, 48 years, March 9

Patrick Thornton, March 10

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, February 27, 2022

St. John's – 9

St. Jacob – 31

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Pastor Phil Barbier Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: 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

-Godfrey Evangelical UCC, Rev. Jerry (Lori) McCaskey

-Granite City St. John UCC, Rev. Karla (Rev. Charles Preston) Frost

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Michael and Elizabeth Marx, Jr, Owensboro, KY

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FRIDAY APRIL 15 - DELIVERY APRIL 16

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***** DONATIONS OF CANDY AND EGGS ARE NEEDED *****

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday: ELFs meeting, 10 a.m.

MARINE UCC SPONSORS CHICKEN DINNER TODAY

Marine United Church of Christ sponsors an “All You Can Eat” fried chicken dinner today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 7371 Marine Road, Edwardsville, IL. Menu includes: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, dinner salad, bread, tea and coffee; adults - \$10, kids 2-12 - \$5.50.

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.

MARCH 6, 2022

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST LESSON. Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

SECOND LESSON. Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL. Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

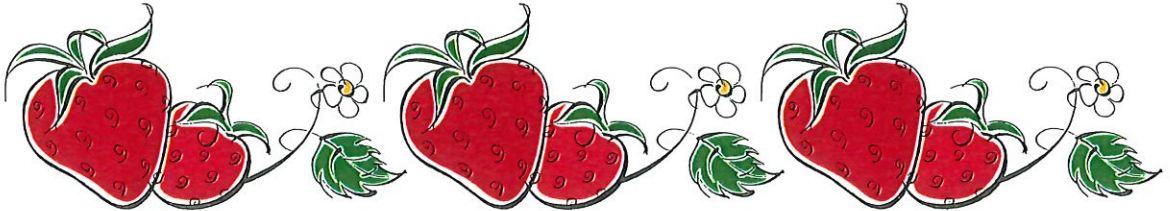
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38th ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

St. Jacob United Church of Christ

St. Jacob, Illinois 62281



Sunday, May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE

The Strawberry Festival will be held OUTSIDE at the St. Jacob Park, and features a Farmers Market, crafts/vendors, musical entertainment, raffle, children's activities, bounce houses, great food and delicious strawberry desserts. The festival attracts thousands of people from throughout the local area.

Vendor/Farmers Market/Crafters spaces are available for \$25.

Each space is a pre-marked 15'X15' area.

Spaces will be assigned by number.

Vendors must bring their own tables or tents.

**Our Church serves lunch and dessert items
– please do not sell any ready to eat food.**

Please fill out the registration form below and mail along with your check to:

St. Jacob U.C.C.
c/o Strawberry Fest
207 West Main Street
St. Jacob, Illinois 62281

Contact: 618-792-4316 (Dawn) smdz@hometel.com
(Carol) 618-401-8805 cekynion@yahoo.com

All registrations must be in by May 8, 2022.
We hope you will be able to join us!
Make checks payable to St. Jacob U.C.C.

**2022 ST. JACOB STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
VENDORS/CRAFTERS/FARMERS MARKET
REGISTRATION FORM**

Number of spaces needed: _____ x \$25 = _____

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Return this form to the St. Jacob Church Office or drop in your church offering plate.

Deadline for ordering: Tuesday, April 5th

