

*I have
called you by name,*



you are mine

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 9, 2021

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 are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
~ Pope Francis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Gather from East and West, from North and South.
God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

**ALL: The voice of God thunders through our midst.
The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.**

ONE: Bow in awe before the one who created you.
God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

**ALL: The voice of God commands our attention.
The voice of God is like fire and tornado.**

ONE: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.
God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

**ALL: Ascribe to God glory and strength.
Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!**

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

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. 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:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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SERMON

HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

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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*)

For bringing us safely to this hour, we give you thanks, O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. 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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Don Yann

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy and the family of Celeste Short

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Brian Meyer, January 9

Jerid Ahrens, January 12

Katie Prange, January 12

Sandy Rujawitz, January 12

Debbie Zobrist, January 14

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, January 2, 2021

St. John's – 20

St. Jacob – 25

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

-Columbia St. Paul UCC, Rev. Elizabeth Terrill, Interim Pastor

-New Baden Zion UCC, Rev. Stephen (Molly) Stark

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Diane Grohmann, New Athens, 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 \$38,472, 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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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday: ELF's meeting, 10 a.m.

January 18: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

January 19: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

January 23: St. John's annual meeting, noon

January 30: St. Jacob annual meeting immediately following worship

DEGREEN CHURCH TODAY

Please join us for "degreening" the church sanctuary and Heritage Hall, immediately following worship today in St. Jacob.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION

In case of inclement weather, we have implemented the following procedure:

No later than 8 a.m. on Sunday morning there will be a message on the church answering machine (618-644-2142) stating whether church will be cancelled. Also, the cancellation of service will be posted on Facebook and Channel 5.

SNOW SHOVELING

Winter weather will be here before you know it. Please volunteer to shovel the church sidewalks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx. Thank you!

HALO PROGRAM NEEDS GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Hoyelton's HALO program needs gift card donations. HALO provides resources, counseling and mentoring to high-risk youth and young adults ages 11 to 25. Youth are at-risk or confirmed survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Gift cards should be in denominations of \$10 and can be from Wal-Mart or Dollar General. You may leave the gift cards in the offering plate, drop them in the basket on the table in the St. Jacob Narthx, or drop them off at the church office.

BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION

The ELF's organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthx to place the labels.

JANUARY 9, 2022

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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—every one who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

SECOND LESSON. Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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