



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 26, 2025

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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:** "No one is strong in his own strength, but he is safe by the grace  
and mercy of God." ~ Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the day the Lord has made:

ALL: A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

ONE: This is the time God has given us:

ALL: A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

ONE: This is the life to which God calls us:

ALL: A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

### \* HYMN

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Holy God, like the Pharisee, we think we can announce our prayer and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. But then we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we love, the lack of compassion we showed to someone who needed our help. Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector – humble, penitent, acknowledging our faults to you. Then may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI** 734

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US** *(Skip if no children are in attendance)*

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.*

**SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

**HYMN** *How Great Thou Art* 51

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**SERMON**

**HYMN** *I Am Thine, O Lord* 408

**INVITATION TO OFFERING****DOXOLOGY:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

You have dealt wondrously with us, gracious God. We have gathered in your temple to praise you and to join in efforts to share faith with one another and with the world. Through our offerings, we wish to extend the witness made here into our neighborhoods, and, in ever-widening circles, to the ends of the earth. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE**      *Make Me a Servant***576**

*Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak;  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.*

**\* HYMN***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***457****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE, October 19, 2025**

**St. John's – 14    St. Jacob – 24**

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### **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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### **SERVING YOU TODAY**

Council Person

Audrey Yann

Liturgist

Beth Frank

Accompanist:

Melissa Anderson Taylor

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**St. John's:** Kenzie Barker, Nancy McCaw, and Sean and Dustin,  
sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Cathy Frutiger, Norma Logsdon,  
Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Kathy Ritter,  
Sandy Rujawitz, David Schmidt, Loretta Tague and Olin Zweck

**IL South Conference:** 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:

#### **Church & Pastors**

- St. Paul UCC, Edwardsville - Rev. Dana (David) Schindler

- St. John UCC, Evansville

#### **Retired Pastors**

- Rev. Michael Krewson

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Troy Gansmann, Oct. 26  
Denise & Paul Baer, 53 years, Oct. 27  
Kathy Ritter, Oct. 27  
Madeleine Schmidt, Oct. 31

## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OCTOBER 30:** Free Flu Immunization Clinic, 3 to 6 p.m., Heritage Hall

**NOVEMBER 2:** Totenfest

**NOVEMBER 2:** Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m.

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### **REMEMBER TO FALL BACK**

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 2. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour, or you'll be an hour early for Sunday service next week.

### **FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC OCT. 30**

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30 at Heritage Hall. The clinic is **only for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township**, and you must be 18 years or older (proof of residency is required). For more information call (618) 830-4656.

### **ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS**

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday. All children pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the fun. To register, fill out the online form at: <https://forms.gle/eW6KTtPzSm4DkVtx5> or call 618-644-2142.

### **WALK WITH GOD**

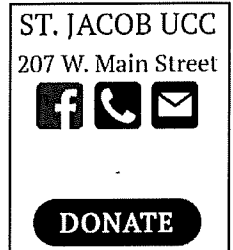
Come join our St. Jacob UCC walking group, called "Walk with God." Anyone who likes to take walks, be in nature and share in unity is encouraged to join us. We hope to get members of the church together a couple times a week to walk and be visible in the community. We will meet at the church and decide from there where we would like to walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. If you're interested in participating or for more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

## VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are looking for volunteers willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

## ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on St. Jacob UCC's web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the "DONATE" button located on the top-right corner of the "Home Page," and the second is by clicking on "RESOURCES" and then "DONATE." If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.



**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (November-December) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

**Items for St. John's (For Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries):** Canned goods including: green beans, corns, carrots, mixed vegetables, stew, chili, soup, fruit, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, potatoes (boxed/bags), Rice a Roni, macaroni and cheese, pasta, Ramen noodles, Jello, pudding, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, powdered sugar, brown sugar, oil, Crisco, dish soap, laundry detergent (quart bottles/sheets/pods), dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet paper, baggies (sandwich/qt./gal.) plastic wrap, toilet bowl cleaner, and cleaning solution

**Items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Pop-tarts, oatmeal, cheese cracker sandwiches, beef jerky, fruit cups, Vienna sausages, ketchup, mustard, broth, cooked ham, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, & syrup

## BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

## **FIRST LESSON: Psalm 65**

God of Zion, to you even silence is praise. Promises made to you are kept – you listen to prayer – and all living things come to you.

When wrongdoings become too much for me, you forgive our sins.

How happy is the one you choose to bring close, the one who lives in your courtyards!

We are filled full by the goodness of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

In righteousness you answer us, by your awesome deeds,

God of our salvation – you, who are the security of all the far edges of the earth, even the distant seas.

You establish the mountains by your strength; you are dressed in raw power.

You calm the roaring seas; calm the roaring waves, calm the noise of the nations.

Those who dwell on the far edges stand in awe of your acts.

You make the gateways of morning and evening sing for joy.

You visit the earth and make it abundant, enriching it greatly by God's stream, full of water.

You provide people with grain because that is what you've decided.

Drenching the earth's furrows, leveling its ridges, you soften it with rain showers; you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food.

Even the desert pastures drip with it, and the hills are dressed in pure joy.

The meadowlands are covered with flocks,

the valleys decked out in grain – they shout for joy; they break out in song!

## **SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

I'm already being poured out like a sacrifice to God, and the time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. At last the champion's wreath that is awarded for righteousness is waiting for me. The Lord, who is the righteous judge, is going to give it to me on that day. He's giving it not only to me but also to all those who have set their heart on waiting for his appearance.

No one took my side at my first court hearing. Everyone deserted me. I hope that God doesn't hold it against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that the entire message would be preached through me and so all the nations could hear it. I was also rescued from the lion's mouth! The Lord will rescue me from every evil action and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and always. Amen.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced them-selves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else – crooks, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."