



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
MAY 24, 2026

**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 can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of Theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or - in the words of Our Lord - it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus." ~ **Pope Francis**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: On the first day, the Lord's Day,
we gather in this place with this people:

ALL: **Though we have different gifts,
we are blessed by the same God.**

ONE: On that great day of Pentecost,
the disciples gathered together:

ALL: **Though uncertain, they trusted God's future,
though many, they were one in Christ.**

ONE: On the last day of all time, God's daughters
and sons will be together, in one place:

ALL: **Until then, we will talk of God's dreams,
with every breath we take, with every moment we live.**

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

In the arguments which divide us, O Lord, we cannot hear your voice calling us to be one. In the rush to judge others who speak, dress, or look different from us, we cannot stop to experience your grace. In our devotion to ourselves and our needs, we cannot open our hearts to receive your gifts. O God, silence our babbling lives so we might hear the clear, sweet voice of the Spirit, announcing that we are forgiven, calling us to proclaim the good news to all the world, and baptizing us into body of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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:

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

HYMN*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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SERMON

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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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*)

Thank you, God, for filling our lives with good things. The abundance of your gifts to us is beyond our counting. Bless all that we return to you for the work of ministry among us and beyond us. Let your Spirit enliven our caring and add effectiveness to all our doing. Make us one in Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. 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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE, MAY 17, 2026

St. John's – 11 St. Jacob – No Worship

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: Beth Frank
Liturgist: Kay Guse
Accompanist: Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Roger Baer, Kenzie Barker, Pat Kennedy, Nancy McCaw,
Ashley Genovese & family and Sean & Dustin,
sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

St. Jacob: Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Ken Frutiger, Norma Logsdon,
Jackie Miller, Joanne Meyer, Taylor Ostrander, Robin Pollman,
Kathy Ritter, Ethan Rock, 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, Belleville
- Trinity UCC, Belleville – Rev. Tim (Shae) Powers-Reed

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Chris (Lena) Edwards

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Trisha Christ, May 25
Mason Shirley, My 27
Tonia Ahlmeyer, May 30
Andrew Becker, May 30
Beth Frank, May 30

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: PENTECOST

MAY 31: Pastor Phil Out - Rev. Louis Fluck presiding

JUNE 4: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

JUNE 10: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall

JUNE 22: St. Jacob Council meeting, 6 p.m.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's Strawberry Festival. Whether you helped wash and cut berries, baked crisps and pies, donated cakes & pie crusts, helped with setup and cleanup at the park, volunteered during the festival, or just came by to support the event, your support is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, if you are interested in one of the remaining bags of uncooked bratwurst or leftover cans of Coke, Diet Coke, or Dr. Pepper from the Festival, please speak with Patti Woods or Pastor Phil.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

Volunteers and donations are needed for the free school lunch program this summer. We're accepting monetary donations to purchase lunch supplies. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob Elementary School Pavilion. Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow time to assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. For more information, or to volunteer contact Audrey Yann, 618-567-8013 or Carol Kynion, 618-401-8805

CHURCH TRIP TO THE MUNY!

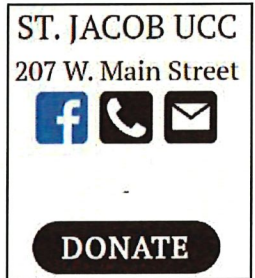
St. Jacob UCC will be heading to the MUNY on Saturday, June 20th to see the musical Hairspray! Tickets are \$16 each and we have reserved 30 tickets. To get to the MUNY that evening you can drive/carpool or there will be a group taking the MUNY Express Shuttle from the St. Jacob Park & Ride Lot at 6:50 PM. The shuttle costs \$5 and drops you off right in front of the MUNY. You can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex today or next Sunday, or let Ed in the office know by Thursday, June 4th at noon.

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 to 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, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.



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/basket for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

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: Acts 2:1-21

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions.

Your elders will dream dreams. Even upon my servants, men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

*I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

*The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Christ is just like the human body – a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted,

"All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink!

As the scriptures said concerning me, *Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.*"

Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn't experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn't yet been glorified.