



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JUNE 28, 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 cannot always trace God's hand but we can always trust God's heart." ~ Charles Spurgeon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: With joy and celebration God welcomes us to this place.

ALL: How good it is to gather in God's house!

ONE: With joy and celebration we welcome one another.

**ALL: We greet each other by name;
We are equal in God's kingdom.**

ONE: We open our hearts to welcome God's love
We open our arms to welcome God's people.

ALL: Here, every single one of God's children is welcome.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

In your house, O Lord, there is room for all. At your table we find a place set for us. But we admit that we are often reluctant to share your blessings and accept others as you accept them. You open your doors wide, but we are quick to try and shut them to those who are different from us. Forgive us, welcoming God. Heal our broken lives, mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved, because we are all your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

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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:

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 130

Matthew 10:40-42

HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

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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)*

We bring our offering, not with thought of reward, but because we are grateful. We give, not from guilt of having so much, but because it is a privilege and a joy to share. We dedicate these gifts, not to pay bills, but to enable a ministry that meets basic human needs with the good will of the gospel. May your people be empowered to give the service each moment requires, in even a deed as simple as giving a cup of cold water to quench another's thirst.

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

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE, JUNE 21, 2026

St. John's – 14 St. Jacob – 21

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

Don Yann

Accompanist:

Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Roger Baer, Kenzie Barker, Pat Kennedy, Nancy McCaw, Eli Ortiz, 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, Olin Zweck, and the family of Judi Simmons and Bob O' Brien

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, Columbia - Rev. Jonathan (Sharon) Bangera

- Holy Ghost UCC, Darmstadt - Rev. Tarrah (Jasen) Vaupel

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Dr. Mary Beth (Mark) Hartenstein

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Micah Lowe, June 28
Onis Zweck, June 28
Thomas Belcher, July 1
Stephanie Rehg, July 3
Jane Schmidt, July 4
Robert Willie, July 4

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY: INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 8: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

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

LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Grab-N-Go Lunch Program has returned for its 4th year this summer! This program is available for school-aged children in Lebanon or Summerfield every Monday–Friday. Lunches are first-come, first-served. Starting this year, children must be present to receive lunch. Pickup Locations are the Summerfield Fire Department, Rooted Community Church, and the Lebanon High School Parking Lot.

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.

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 and would like more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com.

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/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):

June Shopping list: Canned corn, BBQ sauce, chili beans, Pop Tarts, canned tomatoes, plain pasta, canned soup, pudding cups, toothpaste, & dental cream

July Shopping list: Syrup, mac & cheese, pancake mix, peas & carrots, oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, Hearty soup, laundry detergent, & gallon/quart bags

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: Genesis 22:1-14

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "I'm here."

God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?"

Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place "the Lord sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the Lord is seen."

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 130

I cry out to you from the depths, Lord – my Lord, listen to my voice!

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

If you kept track of sins, Lord – my Lord, who would stand a chance?

But forgiveness is with you – that's why you are honored.

I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.

My whole being waits for my Lord – more than the night watch waits for morning;

yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

Israel, wait for the Lord! Because faithful love is with the Lord; because great redemption is with our God!

He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

"Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."