

An Order for the Worship of God

September 18, 2022

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* Call to Worship: (Liturgist – Congregation)

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: #436, O Master, Let me Walk with Thee, v. 1, 2 & 3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

God of grace and glory, we lift up our hearts in praise to You this day. Grant us wisdom to discern Your will and courage to walk faithfully in its light. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father (debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength. We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will. We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need. We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings. May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey - a land made rich and abundant by your saving love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rejoice and celebrate, for forgiveness is ours through the confession of faith in Christ. **Amen**

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

New Testament Reading: Luke 16:1-13.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls and guide our feet.

Sermon: The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

* Responsive Hymn: #438, We Give Thee but Thine Own, v. 1, 2 & 5

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Call for the Offering

As Christ's disciples, let us offer our gifts to his ministry.

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just these tithes but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Hymn of Covenant (insert)

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Interim Minister

Liturgist

Director of Music

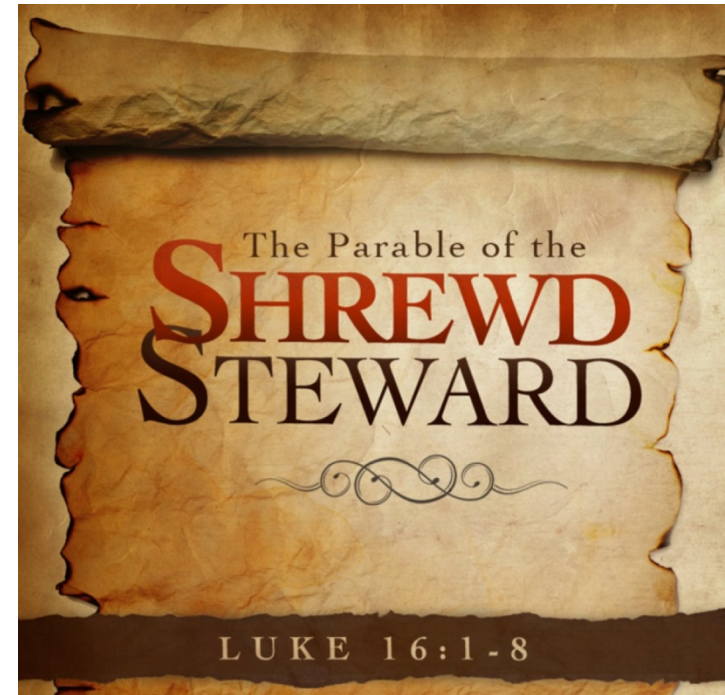
Sunday School Director

Jerry Eisner

Lee Fritz

Sue Laubenheimer

Julie Kluck



Welcome Visitors! Thank you for joining this congregation for worship this morning. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in all functions of the church including communion and fellowship. Please pick up a *Welcome!* Folder as you exit the church to learn more about the offerings of St Jacobi Congregational Church! We are happy you are here!

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