

An Order for the Worship of God

October 2, 2022 – World Communion Sunday

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* **Call to Worship:** (Liturgist – Congregation)

Lord, in this world of strife we need your peaceful presence in our hearts.

We struggle. Tensions abound. O Lord, hear our cries!

Lord, when we are torn and do not know in what direction to turn, guide our steps.

Bring us back to you, merciful God.

Lord, open our hearts and our lives this day to be filled with the radiance of your love.

Help us to receive your peace and to be bearers of that peace to others. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: German Hymn: #60, When Morning Gilds the Skies, v. 1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray Our Father ... (debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday, still we harbor anger and vehemence against others. We plead for your help and salvation. Remind us again, O Lord, that your love will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow your ways. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

From the beginning of all creation, God's word was love. That love has been lavished upon you, not because you did anything to earn it, but because it is God's great gift to you. Live in that love and bring peace to others. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-6

Liturgist: 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 Influence of Mothers

* Responsive Hymn: Ghana Folk Song: #446, Jesu, Jesu, v. 1-3

Congregational Prayer (see insert)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion will be received today in the pews. The Bread of Life is received first, please eat as you receive it. The wine or grape juice will be served next, please wait for all to receive to drink.

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, I come before you today with thanksgiving. Having taken the bread and the cup my heart overflows with gratefulness for your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that you made a way for us to be with you. Thank you for your love for us which surpasses all understanding.

Call for the Offering

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

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

Fount of blessing, you pour upon us the abundance of your grace. Bless us and these gifts, that they may be a source of blessing to others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

*Closing Hymn: Swedish Hymn: #384, Children of the Heavenly Father

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

Mary Kugel

Sue Laubenheimer

Julie Kluck

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

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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