

An Order for the Worship of God

July 28, 2024

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 14 (Liturgist – Congregation)

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt; there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise

They have all gone astray; there is no one who does good.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Israel will be glad.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #413, Sweet Hour of Prayer

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

O God of all creation, the earth is yours and the fullness thereof. You touch the leaves with the dew of the morning; you send the breezes to cool the night. The trees are laden with fruit because of your blessing; fields produce crops because of your care. As you watch over your people and fill all their needs, now send forth your Spirit and be present among us. We lift up our heads and give you praise in Christ’s name. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: “Our Father...(debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our heart.

We confess that our allegiance is less than complete.

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our soul.

We confess that we long to have our own way.

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our mind.

We confess that our thoughts are seldom so pure.

We are taught to love our neighbors, as we love ourselves.

We confess preference for ourselves being first.

God have mercy upon us as we make our confession.

Christ have mercy upon us and forgive our sin. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

In Christ, the “fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile...all things...making peace through the blood of his cross.” Know that in Christ you have been reconciled so that through him you are presented holy and blameless to God.

Therein lies our assurance of pardon. **AMEN.**

Special Music: The Lord’s Prayer
Sue Laubenheimer

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 5 -15

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: Hotline to Heaven

*Responsive Hymn: #524, Let Us Break Bread Together

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

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

Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

For your wonderful gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May our gifts of time, labor, and offerings, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #247, Come, Thou Almighty King, v. 1-3

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

Worship Leaders

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| Minister | Pastor Jerry Eisner |
| Liturgist | Mary Jo Kaufmann |
| Worship Leaders | Paul Isaacson and Bob Laubenheimer |
| Director of Music | Sue Laubenheimer |
| Sunday School Director | Julie Kluck |

Many thanks to Arlene Schneider for sponsoring the bulletins this morning.

ST. JACOBI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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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