

An Order for the Worship of God

April 28, 2024

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting - Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 22 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

And all the families of the nations shall worship

You, O God, our Lord, and our Redeemer.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #553, Gather Us In, v. 1, 3 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ruler of nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and chasten. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. 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

Eternal God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Daily we awaken to the new life you give us, yet we fail to be thankful for the rest we have received. Moments await our decision to serve you, yet time passes away as we think only of ourselves. Our routine affords us the chance to minister to others, yet we are absorbed with our own self-improvement. The day is soon passed; it has been much the same as the others. Forgive us for casting aside the precious time you give us each day. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of assurance: Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he “did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited.” Rather, “he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on the cross.” He died for us, so that we might have life and approach God’s throne of judgment cleansed of our sin. In Christ, we are forgiven! **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:7-21.....863 (1902)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8764 (1676)

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: Vine and the Branches

*Responsive Hymn: #495, They’ll Know we Are Christians, v. 1-3

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

Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #59, Jesus, Name above All Names

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister	Pastor Jerry Eisner
Liturgist	Kathy Stowers
Director of Music	Sue Laubenheimer
Sunday School Director	Julie Kluck

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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