

An Order for the Worship of God

October 24, 2021

Ringling of the Bells
Welcome & Announcements
Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* Call to Worship: (Liturgist – Congregation)

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.

Come to the Lord, whose brightness and truth, will give you new light and insight.

Bring us to your Light, Lord Jesus, that we may be strengthened to withstand the darkness and bring that light to others.

*Opening Hymn: #74 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. Our Father..(debts/debtors)

Call to Confession

Moment of Confession

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but **actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take**

our hands and lead us to the light.

Words of Assurance

Turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished upon you. You have been healed and made whole in God's love and forgiveness. Be at peace and rejoice!

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thank be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (Pilgrim)

Gospel Reading: MARK 10:46-52

Pastor: 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

*Responsive Hymn: #353, v1-3 Be Thou my Vision

Congregational Prayer

Call for the Offering:

Doxology

*Offering Prayer:

May your praise be continually in our mouths, your love forever in our hearts, your words forever on our minds, your spirit forever urging us into acts of giving and serving. May these gifts find their holy purpose in growth and glory of your kingdom. Amen

*Closing Hymn: # 474 Hymn of Promise

*Benediction

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are reformed in Christ's love. Go now in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to serve.

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

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Senior Minister
Liturgist
Director of Music
Sunday School Director

Pastor Joseph Hackett
Kathy Stowers
Sue Laubenheimer
Julie Kluck



Bulletins in honor of Bob and Sue Laubenheimer's Anniversary

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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