

An Order for the Worship of God

January 22, 2023

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* Call to Worship: based on Psalm 27 (Liturgist – Congregation)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble and conceal me under the cover of his tent.

*Opening Hymn: #324, Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore,
v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love.

O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your

presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. It is in the name of Christ and through the Holy Spirit that we pray together: Our Father ... (debts/debtors).

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you.

The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair.

The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

Amen

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri: #558 (Pilgrim)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

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.

Special Music: The Fisherman, Mary Jo Kaufmann, Julie Kluck, Sue Laubenheimer

Sermon: Jesus Ministry

* Responsive Hymn: #359, Blessed Assurance

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Call for the Offering

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

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #316, Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling,
v. 1, 2 & 4

Benediction

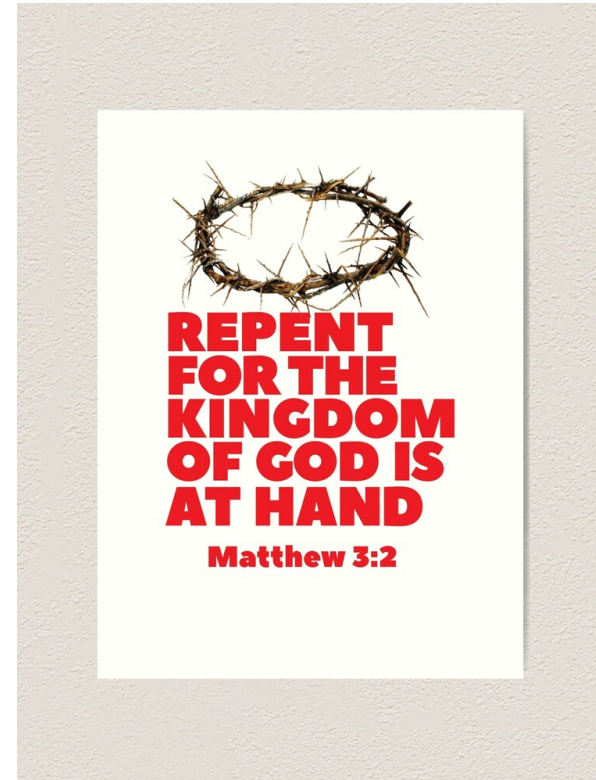
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ.

Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Worship Leaders

Interim Minister

Liturgist

Director of Music

Sunday School Director

Jerry Eisner

Bob Laubenheimer

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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