An Order for the Worship of God

January 16,2022

Ringing of the Bells Welcome & Announcements Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able
* Call to Worship: (Liturgist - Congregation)
There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.
But there is only one Spirit.
There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.
But it is the same Lord we all serve.
There are many activities we can do to serve God: teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...
But all these are activated by God.
There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.
It is impossible to list them all.
To say that one is better than another is foolish.
God gives to each as God chooses.
Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn: #19 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy, may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile. Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love, to remember who we are and whose we are. In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples And let us pray in the words Jesus taught us. Our Father... (debts/debtors)

Call to Confession

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior. Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

Moment of Confession

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen

Words of Assurance

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thank be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (Pilgrim)

Gospel Reading: JOHN 2:1-11 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: #48, v.1-3 Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling

Congregational Prayer

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord

*Offering Prayer:

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen

*Closing Hymn: #494 Bind Us Together

*Benediction And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts: go and share what God has given you; go and proclaim that God's love is here; go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new.

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

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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