

An Order for the Worship of God

April 18, 2021 10am

Ring of the Bells
Welcome & Announcements
Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* Call to Worship: (Liturgist – Congregation)

The Good News is proclaimed to the world!

We are witnesses of these things.

Hope is Alive, in the acts of kindness we share with one another.

We are witnesses of these things.

Joy is palpable, in the celebration of the Risen Christ!

We are witnesses of these things.

Your sins are forgiven, and you have new life, now and always—

We are witnesses of these things.

*Opening Hymn: #200 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

God of Holy Wisdom, guide us in this season of Easter to proclaim Your Good News in all we do, as well as what we say. Lead us in the ways of Your loving-kindness. Remind us to ponder the scriptures and reflect on Your teaching. Open our hearts to receive what You have to share with us. Show us how to live into Your ways of justice and mercy. May Your wisdom be apparent in our lives, living into the Gospel as a way of life, rather than simply what we preach. Spirit of Wisdom, remain in us, now and always. Our Father.... (debts/debtors)

Call to confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

Moment of Confession

God, your risen Son has made it possible for us to be your children. Yet we confess we have continued to sin, refusing to hope, ignoring your real presence in our lives. Re-create us, God, for faith, for hope for acts of love through your forgiveness and grace. Amen

Words of Assurance

Let repentance and forgiveness of sins be proclaimed to all nations in the name of Jesus Christ. Let your sins be wiped out. Believe in the power of the name of Jesus Christ and receive the gift of eternal life.

St. Jacobi Covenant (inside cover of the red hymnal)

Special Music: Cleanse Me- Linda Burns, Bob and Sue Laubenheimer, Paul Isaacson

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 4**

New Testament Reading: **Acts 3:12-19**

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (Pilgrim)

Gospel Reading: LUKE 24:36-48

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: #474 Hymn of Promise

Congregational Prayer

Call for the Offering:

*Offering Prayer: **The greatest blessing we have, God, is to be called your children. What can we offer you to compare with such a gift? Receive these tokens as our act of faith and love, and in our giving, make us more like you. Amen**

*Closing Hymn: #64. V.1,3 and 5 Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

*Benediction

May God's Holy Spirit lead you; May God's strength protect you.
May God's peace be with you. Go out into our communities sharing the Good News.

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 Joe Hackett
Mary Kugel
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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