

An Order for the Worship of God

January 29, 2023

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* **Call to Worship:** (Liturgist – Congregation)

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

*Opening Hymn: #553, Gather Us In, v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to

live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we

may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness,

and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and

pleasing to you for we ask this in Jesus' Name, who taught us to pray

Our Father...(debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world.

We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done

hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity,

wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of

true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds.

We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you

have a quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming

the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and

love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be

fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the

world's scorn and derision. Amen

Words of Assurance

God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 15

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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: .The Beatitudes

*Responsive Hymn: #401, The Beatitudes

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

Lord, I come before you today with thanksgiving. Having taken the bread and the cup my heart overflows with gratefulness for your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that you made a way for us to be with you. Thank you for your love for us which surpasses all understanding. Amen

Call for the Offering

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

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives. Today, we give out of that blessedness giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #261, All Creatures of Our God and King, v. 1, 4 & 5

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Interim Minister

Liturgist

Director of Music

Sunday School Director

Jerry Eisner

Mary Jo Kaufmann

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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