

# An Order for the Worship of God

March 26, 2023

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

\*Please stand, if able

\* **Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 32 (Liturgist – Congregation)

Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

**May we be called to the light of righteousness.**

As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

**May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.**

Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

**Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn: #325, Just as I am

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. We rejoice in your unfailing love and now as Jesus taught us we pray: Our Father...(debts/debtors)**

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most Merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have done things we ought not to have done; we have left Your will undone. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare us, as we confess our faults. Restore us according to the promises of Jesus Christ, and in His name's sake give us lives that are lived to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Our confession of sins before one another opens us to receive the healing that God offers. God has promised that those who pray in faith will be raised up to new life and forgiven for all their sins. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-16

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: Death of Lazarus

\*Responsive Hymn: #361, My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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

**Dear Lord, we thank You that in Your Mercy, You have fed us with spiritual food and assured us with Your goodness and love. We pray that You keep us in the faith, freedom and fellowship of Your church; that we might live for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

\* Doxology #562 ( Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

**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**

\*Closing Hymn: The Carpenter (insert)

Benediction

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

\*Extinguishing the Candles  
Postlude

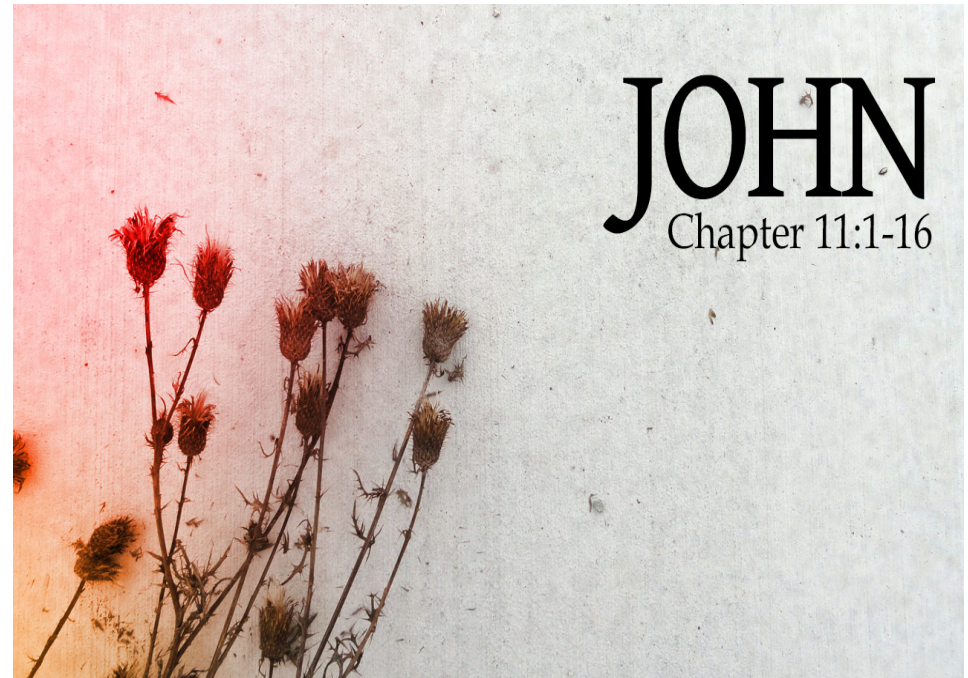
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# ST. JACOBI

# 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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