

## An Order for the Worship of God

April 4, 2021 8:30am Easter

Ringling of the Bells  
Welcome & Announcements  
Candle Lighting and Prelude

\*Please stand, if able

\* Call to Worship: (Liturgist – Congregation)

Death is swallowed up forever!

**Alleluia! Let us be glad and rejoice!**

Let every tear be wiped away!

**Alleluia! Let us be glad and rejoice!**

Jesus Christ is our salvation, and He is risen from the dead!

**This is our God: The Risen Son!**

**We have waited for the Lord, and Christ Jesus has saved us!**

**Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn: #196, v 1-3 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Holy, Risen Lord, you have taken on sin and death and you have defeated them. You have rolled the stone away from the tomb, leaving it powerless and void. In awe and wonder we praise you, amazed at the new reality of your Easter morning. May this newness change the way we see the world, so that we may no longer fear death, but cherish both this life and the life to come as precious gifts from your loving hand. Amen Our Father...(debts/debtors)**

Call to Confession

Moment of Confession

**God of the empty tomb, you have not abandoned your Son, neither have you allowed his body to decay, but your Holy Spirit has raised him from the dead. Yet we, his body, fail and falter when it comes to trusting the good news and performing your perfect will. Lift us out of our fears and worries. Heal us by his holy wounds.**

**Guide us back onto the road with the message that you are the eternal God: suffering, forgiving, risen, and gracious.**

Words of Assurance

Jesus himself was sent by God to preach peace, to be raised in glory from death, to judge the living and the dead. His peace is available to all people in every land and nation, for God shows no partiality. All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins. Beloved friends, believe in Jesus Christ, and know that you are forgiven.

Special Music- A Gaelic Easter Celebration. Mary Jo Kaufmann, Bob and Sue Laubenheimer

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri: #558 (Pilgrim)

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

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: #199 Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Congregational Prayer

Call for the Offering:

\*Offering Prayer:

**God of love,**

**We offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts as a sign of our love for you and the world.**

**We ask a special blessing on these gifts where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up, so that all may come to know of your abiding love.**

**We give these gifts as you have given them unto us.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: #203 Thine is the Glory

\*Benediction: The Scriptures are fulfilled! The tomb is empty!

The grave clothes are cast aside!

Step out into the new creation! Go and tell this generation!

Go and tell the world: Jesus Christ is Lord, and he has risen from the dead!

**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

Paul Isaacson

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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