

An Order for the Worship of God

February 28, 2021

Ring of the Bells
Welcome & Announcements
Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* **Call to Worship:** based on xxx (Liturgist – Congregation)

“Walk before me, and be blameless,” said God to Abram,
“And I shall make my covenant between me and you.” (Genesis 17: 1-2,
paraphrased)

Quite openly, we’ve measured that distance.

Quite openly, we’ve stayed away.

One: Quite openly, we’ve distanced ourselves.

Quite openly, we didn’t want to be closer.

One: Quite openly, we are not blameless.

Quite openly, we are here.

We are here to open ourselves to our In-between God.

***Opening Hymn:** #24 v.1,2&4 The God of Abraham Praise

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Eternal God, your promises rest not on your law but on your grace. May we never weaken in faith, but grow ever stronger, knowing that you alone are worthy of our full trust, you alone give life to the dead, and you alone are to be glorified by our dying to self in order to live. We live the words of your grace in the prayer that your Son has taught us to pray, Our Father (debts/debtors).

Call to Confession

We cannot save ourselves, but we can look to Christ’s dying and rising for us as the promise that we have a Savior greater than ourselves, greater than death itself. Therefore, let us turn away from our illusions of self-sufficiency and turn to the God who invites us to live for the sake of the gospel. Let us confess our sin and take up our crosses in true repentance and faith.

Moment of Confession

Redeeming God, we admit that we are overwhelmed by human, worldly concerns. We have not set our minds on things divine and heavenly. We diminish ourselves and discount others when we value ourselves more highly than we should. Forgive us of our sin. Help us embrace, for the sake of the gospel, whatever losses and whatever gains you will for us, in your divine wisdom and love.

Words of Assurance

Let your faith be reckoned to you as righteousness on account of Christ, who was handed over to death so that our right relationship with God might be restored and renewed. Knowing through Christ we are forgiven. Trust in His promise and follow him.

Special Music “Shelter Me” by Mary Jo Kaufmann, Julie Kluck, Bob Laubenheimer, Sue Laubenheimer

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7

New Testament Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thank be to God.

* Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

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: #317 v.1-3 The Summons

Congregational Prayer

Call for the Offering

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ’s church.

Offering Prayer

God of peace, you are our model of faithfulness. We commend these gifts to your use, as our faith in you. Amen

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 by coming forward. Walk to the front and first receive the bread of life, then the cup of salvation, and return to your pew for reflection or meditation.

*** Those who cannot walk to the front will then be served in the pews.*

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world in courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

***Closing Hymn:** # 315 for Those Tears I Died

Benediction

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

Communion Assistant

Director of Music

Sunday School Director

Pastor Joseph Hackett

Paul Isaacson

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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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