

An Order for the Worship of God

March 30, 2025

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting

*Please stand, if able

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

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to the God of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, as you trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #287, For the Fruit of All Creation

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

You are the source of our deliverance, O God, and rightly to be blessed. Your name shall ever be on our lips. You have heard the poor and saved them from trouble. You have enlightened believers; their faces reflect your radiance. Aglow with the splendor of your promised redemption, we rise up to worship you, ruler of nations. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: "Our Father...(debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overrides us, we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Yet you promise that will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to communion with you. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, remember that "God is faithful, and...will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing...will provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." Christ is the foundation of our salvation; therein lies assurance that we are forgiven of sin. **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21819 (1799)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:20-24740 (1624)

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 Forgiving Father

*Responsive Hymn: #520, According to Thy Gracious Word, v. 1-3

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

Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering

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

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your realm of love upon the earth. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #186, Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, v. 1-3

Benediction

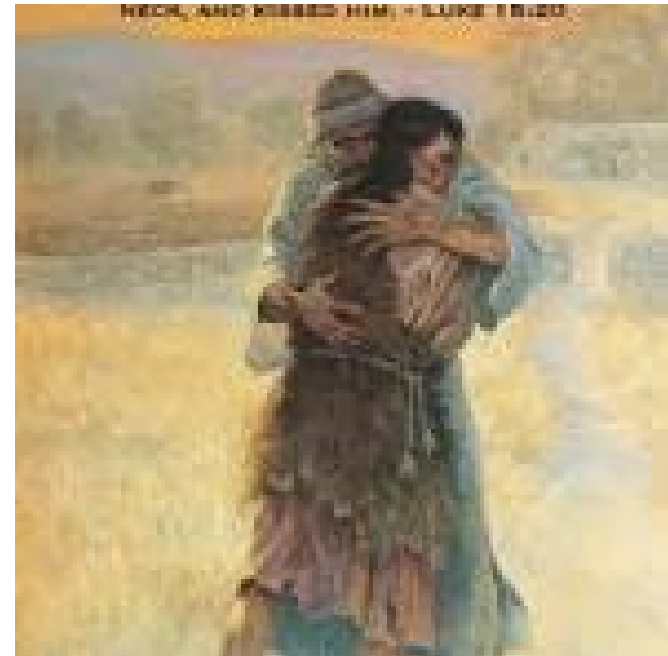
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles/Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister	Pastor Jerry Eisner
Liturgist	Kathy Stowers
Pianist	Mary Kugel
Director of Music	Sue Laubenheimer
Sunday School Director	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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