

An Order for the Worship of God

October 18, 2026

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 99 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

You are the Lord; let the peoples tremble! You sit enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

You are exalted over all the peoples. Hear us as we praise your great and awesome name. You indeed are holy!

Lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

We will extol you, O Lord our God, and worship at your footstool.
Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #37, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

All of our lives are full of your mercy, O God; wherever we turn you are sure to be there. If we are found in the depths of depression, you lift up our spirits with the hope of new life. When we bound to the heights of ecstasy, you rejoice with us and make our feet light. You surround us with your Spirit who knows our needs before we announce them. We give you all praise, O God of all life. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:
“Our Father ... (debts/debtors)

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Liturgist: This is the gospel message of our Lord and Savior.

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Sermon: Two Citizenships

*Responsive Hymn: #438 We Give Thee But Thine Own,
v. 1-3

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

Call for the Offering

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

*Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer:

Lord God, be pleased to use the gifts we set before you that they may bear testimony to the faith that has been kindled within us by your Holy Word in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Closing Hymn: On Our Way Rejoicing

On our way rejoicing
Gladly let us go.

Christ our Lord has conquered;

Vanquished is the foe

Christ without, our safety;

Christ within, our joy;

Who, if we be faithful

Can our hope destroy?

On our way rejoicing;

As we forward move,

Hearken to our praises,

O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing.

unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring

Unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,

on our way rejoicing

Now and evermore.

On our way rejoicing;

As we forward move,

Hearken to our praises,

O blest God of love!

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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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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