

An Order for the Worship of God

October 25, 2026

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 90 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and
prosper the work of our hands - O prosper the
work of our hands!**

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #382, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, v. 1, 3 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The work of our hands are gifts of your mercy, O God, and everything we have is a sign of your love. If we have strength, it is because you uplift us; when we have joy, it is on account of your grace. We praise you when you comfort us. We are afraid when you judge us in anger. With Christ to intercede, accept now our worship. May it be worthy of the care you show us. 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

Lover of justice, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you. At times, fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties are put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations, and reclaim us from error when we obey not your will.
AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah when he wrote: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when...I will put my law within them, and I will write upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people...for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Therein lies our assurance.
AMEN.

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46

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: A Proper Love for Self

*Responsive Hymn: #345, More Love to Thee, O Christ, v. 1, 2 & 4

Reception of New Member - Chris Pfau

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

Whatever challenges we face, O God, we have also known your many blessings. Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness, that they may be used to prophesy in your spirit and to share your bounty with those in need. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #292, The Gift of Love

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles - Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister

Liturgist

Director of Music

Pastor Jerry Eisner

Kathy Stowers

Sue Laubenheimer

THANKS TO BOB AND SUE FOR SPONSORING THE BULLETINS TODAY IN HONOR
OF THEIR ANNIVERSARY

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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