

**JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
APRIL 26, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "Jesus Paid It All", arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 95:1-3*) Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

L: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

P: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the Lord is a great God,

P: and a great King above all gods.

Hymn: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Call to confession (*the pastor*)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for personal confession

Pastor: Merciful Father, we have not been the Church You call us to be. For thoughts,
words and actions that do not bring glory to Your name or tell of Your salvation from day to day,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Pastor: For being content to keep the praise of Your name within the walls of this building
and among those who know You, rather than declaring Your glory among the nations,
and Your marvelous works among all people,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Pastor: For taking Your salvation for granted by following after worthless idols,

**People: Forgive us Lord. Create in us clean hearts. Renew us by Your Spirit and restore to us
the joy of Your salvation, that we may be unhesitating in proclaiming Your wonders,
and that You may be glorified in our words and our deeds. Amen.**

Pastor: Church of God, rejoice! God has brought His salvation into the world through Jesus.

In His mercy He has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins.

Through His Holy Spirit, He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of our

God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. Be at peace, your sins are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace

“The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you”

Hymn: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: I Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35 Darcy Jaeger Brand, Reader

Anthem: “Open Our Eyes, Lord”, Robert Cull, choral setting by Jack Schrader,

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Sermon: “Faith in Exile”

Our Response to God’s Spoken Word

The Affirmation —based on Romans 10:9, NRSV

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts

that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offertory: “Fairest Lord Jesus (You Are Beautiful to Me)”, arr. Heather Sorenson,

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Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession (*including The Lord’s Prayer*)

Hymn: “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

Benediction (responsively)

Pastor: We who have been given new birth into a living hope, are now sent into the world.

People: to look, live and love more like Jesus.

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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