

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
August 30, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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We are Gathered by God

Prelude: “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”, by Peter Cutts; setting by John Carter,

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Call to Worship (based on Psalm 124:8) Rev. Richard A. Dykstra

Leader: “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

People: What did God do to help us?

L: God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

P: They received God’s covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.

L: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

Hymn: Jesus’ Name Medley

(“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”, “His Name is Wonderful”, “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”)

Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins
and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our
neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you,
our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great mercy, cleanse us
from our sin... (silent prayer). Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

Hymn: “I Need Jesus”

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20. Mary Jean Scudder, Reader

Anthem: “Tune My Heart to Sing God’s Praise”, arr. Lloyd Larson (ASCAP), © 2012 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Sermon: “The Question that will Change Your Life”

Our Response to God’s Spoken Word

The Affirmation —from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

**I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself
a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.**

And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Offertory Anthem: “Rock of Ages”, arr. Ed Lojeski, © 1999 Hal Leonard Corp.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “He Keeps Me Singing”

Benediction

Choral Response: “Tune My Heart to Sing God’s Praise” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Lloyd Larson, © 2014 Lore