

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
October 25, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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We are Gathered by God

Prelude: "O Rest In The Lord", Felix Mendelssohn, arr. David H. Hegarty, © 1993, Hegarty Music Press

..... Claudia Bracaliello, Organist

Call to Worship

L: Sisters and brothers! We gather here today to receive grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: We gather here today to grow in faith, love, and hope.

L: We gather here today as we await Christ's return, and that as we wait, our lives would become more like his.

P: We gather today in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We have been called to imitate Christ, so that the world would know him through us. But too often we fall short – so let us come before God in a time of confession, asking for forgiveness and the grace to be renewed.

Lord Jesus, we have not borne your image well in the world. Where you are patient and kind, we have been quick to judge. Where you are filled with hope, and desiring all people to be saved, we have secretly hoped that heaven will be filled with people just like us. Where you trust your father even in the darkest moments, too often our anxieties have drowned out our faith and drawn us from your path. Send us your Spirit of help and healing. Give us hearts which love and trust you above all, and shape us to bear your image in a world longing for salvation. (...silent prayer). In your name we pray, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance & The Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22..... Yvonne Mead, Reader

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision", arr. John Leavitt, © 2001 Concordia Pub. House,

3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118-3968.... Dan Chien, Choir Director/Accompanist

Sermon: "Setting an Example"

Our Response to God's Spoken Word

Offertory Anthem: "Peace Be in You", Allen Pote, © 2002 by Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

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

Hymn: "Ahead of Us, A Race to Run"

Benediction

Postlude: "The Kingsfold Trumpet", Alfred V. Fedak,

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