

Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church  
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**Welcome to church today!** *Today's focus is on how we listen and respond to the voice of God in our lives. May our time together provide a blessing to you!*

**Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship**

*Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude:** "Be Thou My Vision", arr. Joel Raney. . . . Mr. Dan Chien

**Introit:** "Come into His Presence"

**Call to Worship** . . . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra

As we are called into worship today,  
it is sobering to remember  
that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,  
most of the world did not recognize him  
and therefore did not worship him.  
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes  
to see Jesus for who he is,  
that we might worship him in truth.  
People of God, behold and see your God!  
**We open our eyes to see his glory.**  
**We open our ears to hear his wisdom.**  
**We open our hands to offer him gifts.**  
**We open our mouths to sing his praise.**  
**We open our hearts to offer him our love.**  
**He is Lord!**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Perfect Light of revelation,  
as you shone in the life of Jesus,  
whose Epiphany we celebrate,  
so shine in us and through us,  
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,  
enlightening all creation  
with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Call to Prayer** —based on John 3:19, NRSV

The light has come into the world,  
and people loved darkness rather than light  
because their deeds were evil.  
Let us confess our sin to God.

**Our Prayer of Confession** (*please join in this prayer*)

God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.  
When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.  
When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part.  
When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way.  
Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.  
Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, through the light that  
lingers when all else fails, even the bright Morning Star of our  
faith, Jesus Christ, the Savior. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** —1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,  
that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.  
If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in  
darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;  
but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have  
fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us  
from all sin.

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Our Lord and our God,  
now as we hear your Word,  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Soften our hearts that we may see your ways.  
Fill us with your light.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51

**Sermon:** “What Do You See? Who do you Hear?”

**Offertory:** “Help Us Accept Each Other” . . . . . John Ness Beck

**Prayer of Dedication**

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your  
goodness and mercy.  
Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may  
know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. **Amen.**

**Doxology**

**Sharing of Concerns & Joys**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray for the church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God,  
that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
[Silence]  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land,  
and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace,  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

[Silence]  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly  
in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

[Silence]  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;  
give them courage and hope in their troubles,  
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

[Silence]  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn:** “Lord, Speak to Me”

**Benediction**

O God, who in Jesus Christ called us out of darkness into marvelous  
light, enable us always to declare your wonderful deeds, thank you for  
your steadfast love, and praise you with heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
now and forever. **Amen.**  
May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Postlude:** “Here I Am, Lord” . . . . . arr. Jack Schrader