

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH

January 22, 2023

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Approach to God

Prelude: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies", arr. Rodney Abriol, © 2019 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp. Mr. Dan Chien, Pianist/Choir Director

Savior, let your light dawn in our lives and call us to share that light with others through the ministries of caring and love which we share beyond this, our time of worship together. Amen.

Introit: "Light of the World", John Carter, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship, Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 40*) Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: He turned to me and heard my cry.

L: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;

P: He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

P: Blessed are they who put their trust in the Lord.

Hymn: "God Himself is With Us"

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We are your church, O God; and we have been called into being by your Son to carry out his mission of salvation to our world. Forgive us when we have failed in our responsibility, assuming someone else would carry our share of the load. Strengthen us in an effective ministry to our world; that we may share the good news with those around us... (silent prayer). Amen.

The Response: **"Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord, Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen."**

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law

Hymn: "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

The Word of God in Proclamation

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7, Matthew 4:12-23 Alan Heins, Reader

Anthem: "We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light" (Siyahamba), arr. Hal H. Hopson, © 1994 Hope Pub. Co.

Sermon: "A Renewed Call"

The Response to God

Offertory: "Just As I Am, I Come", arr. Mary McDonald, © 2013 Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Benediction

Choral Response: "Just As I Am, I Come" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name", arr. Lee Dengler, © 2012 Hal Leonard Corp.