

**JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH**  
**JULY 20, 2025 ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**The Approach to God**

Prelude: "Lead Me, Lord", arr. Robert W. Thygerson, © 2010 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.  
..... Dan Chien, Organist/Choir Dir.

Introit: "This Is the Day", Joy F. Patterson, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship,  
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Call to Worship

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**Teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

**For you are the God of my salvation;**

for you I will wait all day long.

Hymn: "Holy, Holy"

Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor: Gracious Father, You have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

*Silence for self-examination.*

Pastor: When the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls.

**People: Forgive us.**

Pastor: When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.

**People: Forgive us.**

Pastor: When we praise You with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.

**People: Forgive us.**

Assurance of Pardon

When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. God purifies us from all unrighteousness. Friends, be encouraged today. Your sins need no longer to weigh you down. In Jesus, our sins have been forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Hymn: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

**The Word of God**

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Jackie Slater, Reader

Anthem: "We Belong to Christ" with "When We Are Living" Elise Eslinger & Emily Lund,  
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Sermon: "The Good Samaritan"

## The Response to God

The Affirmation (*Responsively*)

*How shall we live?*

**We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our being, and with all our mind.**

*How shall we love?*

**We will love our neighbor as ourselves.**

*Who is our neighbor?*

**Our neighbor lies by the road in pain.**

**Our neighbor goes to bed hungry.**

**Our neighbor has lost hope.**

*How shall we love our neighbor?*

**We will respond with love and compassion.**

**We will do what is needed to help others.**

**We will care for one another.**

Offertory: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace", Temple/arr. Jane Holstein,

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Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Benediction

Choral Response: "We Belong to Christ" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "O For a Heart to Praise My God", arr. Larry Shackley,

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