

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
November 16, 2025 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" arr. Lloyd Larson,

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

Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Call to Worship (*from Ps. 145*) Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King;

People: I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Every day I will praise you

People: and extol your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

People: His greatness no one can fathom.

Hymn: "O Lord, We Praise Thy Name"

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Eternal God, everywhere we look there is evidence of your presence, but in our distress, we overlook your nearness, and feel you are out of reach. Forgive us when we are deaf to your voice, and blind to your presence. Bring us near to you through your Son, Jesus, that we may share our needs with you, and experience your help... (*Silent prayer*). Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Words of Assurance

The Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven"

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: Luke 20:27-40 Becky Maeder Chien, Reader

Anthem: "River of God's Love", arr. Lee Dengler, © 2011 Word Music, LLC (ASCAP)

Sermon: "The More Important Question"

Prayer

We Respond to God

The Affirmation (*Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. # 1*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful

Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offertory: "Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song", by John Leavitt,

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Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Benediction

Choral Response: "River of God's Love" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", arr. Mary McDonald, © 2018 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.