

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
January 18, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: “Come into his presence singing alleluia”

Call to Worship - Psalm 96:2-3, NIV Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

Leader: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

People: proclaim his salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Hymn: “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. Have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise... *(silent prayer)*. Amen.

The Response: “Just as I am”

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law

Hymn: “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17 Carol Ann Dykstra, Reader

Anthem: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”, arr. Lloyd Larson, ©1995 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Sermon: “His Baptism and Ours”

We Respond to God’s Word

Apostles’ Creed

Offertory: “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”,

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Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Prayers of Intercession (including the Lord’s Prayer)

Hymn: “He Leadeth Me”

Benediction

Choral Response: “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” *(Reprise)*

Postlude: “We Are Marching in the Light of God”, arr. John Carter, © 2004 Hope Pub. Co.