

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
January 25, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: "In Christ There Is No East or West", arr. Mark Hayes,

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Call to Worship (*Inspired by I Corinthians 1*) Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: To the church of God in this place, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be saints:

People: We come together with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: He is their Lord and ours. There is one body and one Spirit.

P: Grace and peace be with us from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Come, let us worship the God who calls us together as family.

Hymn: "To God be the Glory"

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*)

Leader: Friends, Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints."

People: But we know that our lives often do not reflect this high calling. We forget who we are.

We forget whose we are. But the invitation to confess is not an invitation to shame; it is an invitation to return to our true identity. Let us tell the truth about ourselves to the God who is always faithful to us.

Leader: God of Radical Grace, You call us "saints,"

People: yet we often settle for being critics. You gave us an identity rooted in Your love, but we scramble to build identities based on our achievements, our politics, and our social standing.

Leader: You called us to be one with "all those everywhere" who call on Your name,

People: but we prefer the comfort of our own tribes. We have drawn lines where You drew circles.

We have treated Your expansive family like a private club, judging those who do not look, think, or vote like us.

Forgive us for forgetting who we are. Forgive us for acting as if our future depends on our striving rather than Your sustaining power. Remind us again that we are held by a faithful God... (silent prayer). Amen.

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law

The Word of God in Proclamation

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42 Andrea Cammer, Reader

Sermon: "Called to be the Church"

The Response to God

Apostles' Creed

Offertory Anthem: "Just As I Am, I Come", arr. Mary McDonald,

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Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession (including the Lord's Prayer)

Hymn: "Once to Every Man and Nation"

Benediction

Postlude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", arr. Darcy Stanley,

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