

**JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
February 22, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “The God of Abraham Praise”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: “Come into his presence singing alleluia”

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 99:1-3. Rev. Richard A. Dykstra

L: : The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

P: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

L: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

P: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: “All Beautiful the March of Days”

Our Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, so often as we come to You, the plea in our hearts is that You do our will and not for You to show us Yours. So often our hearts have been closed to Your leading and we have missed so many opportunities to be blessings to others and to be blessed ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and help us have the courage to open our hearts to You. ... (silent prayer). In Christ we pray. Amen.

The Response: “Turn your eyes upon Jesus”

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law

Hymn: “My Jesus I Love Thee”

The Word of God in Proclamation

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9 Jackie Slater, Reader

Anthem: “Be Thou My Vision”, arr. John Leavitt,

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Sermon: “Remembering Jesus”

The Response to God

Responsive Reading for Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

Pastor: We praise and glorify you, O God, that you have come to us and revealed to us your holiness, righteousness, and love. When seeing your glory, people have often fallen down in fear and trembling;

People: But again and again you have declared that we need not fear you, and are to rejoice in your glorious presence.

Pastor: At times we cannot quite fathom the power of your presence;

People: But you implore us to be patient, and to trust that we will understand all things in your good time.

Pastor: Each age of your people longs for its own experiences of your presence. This day we give thanks that you appeared to the disciples and helped them share their experiences in Scripture. We thank you for Peter, and for those who were his fellow workers in establishing the church.

People: Give us their confidence to believe, and keep their word before us as a shining lamp.

Pastor: Give us the vision to see the possibilities of faith for ourselves and for your people today,

People: That we may strive together to be your people, with the help of your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: If we are attentive, there is evidence enough of your working in this our time. Make each of us a part of your miracle as we continue in faith despite many obstacles; and make your church the continuous miracle which prevails against the gates of hell. We are aware that many times, and at any time, we could fall away from you, O God.

People: The fact that we believe is a miracle; that we try to live our faith is an evidence of your power; that we persevere in our belief is your marvelous doing.

Pastor: We are conscious that every generation might be the last one to be your church, O God.

People: The fact that corruption, envy, malice, pride, greed, and so many more sins have not destroyed your church is a miracle; that your church lives on, even when divided, is evidence of your love: that your people continue in spite of the derision of the world is your wondrous activity among us.

Pastor: Continue to show us your glory, Lord God, as you hold before us the vision of your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in glory, and who will come to us in your good time to bring all who trust you into your perfect kingdom.

People: With the Holy Spirit, and you, O God, Christ is one in power, honor, and might, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory: "Christ Is the World's Light", Fred Pratt Green, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Benediction

Choral Response: "Be Thou My Vision" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star", arr. Larry Shackley,

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