

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

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”, arr. Fred Bock, © 1975 Fred Bock Music Co.
..... Mr. Dan Chien, Organist/Choir Director

Introit: “Jesus, Keep Me Near”, Ellen Purchase,
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Call to Worship Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace, approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever!

Hymn: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we confess that we sometimes prefer the darkness to your light. We turn away, we hide, we seek our own way. Forgive us Lord, and renew in us a desire to walk in your light and to reflect your light to those around us. By the mercy of your Son, let us live as children of light....
(*silent prayer of confession*). In Jesus’ name we pray, **Amen.**

Response: “Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus”

Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Gloria Patri

Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

The Word of God in Proclamation

Scripture: John 9:1-41..... Becky Maeder Chien, Reader

Anthem: “Walk with Me” Traditional Spiritual/setting by Jack Schrader,
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Sermon: “I Once Was Blind...and Maybe I Still Am”

The Response to God

The Affirmation (Unison)—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 56

I believe that God, because of Christ’s atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature, which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Offertory: “The King of Love”, Irish hymn tune/arr. Gerald Custer,
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Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

Benediction

Choral Response: “The King of Love” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”, arr. John Carter, © 1996 Hope Pub. Co.