

**Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church**  
**April 12, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude: “The Day of Resurrection”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: “Benediction Response” by Joy F. Patterson, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship, Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Call to Worship & Prayer . . . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**P: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Let us give thanks for the mighty power God has demonstrated in raising Christ from the grave!

**P: Praise be to God, and to Christ the Son, our risen Lord and to the Holy Spirit, who affirms our faith in the risen Christ!**

L: Let us pray:

**P: Eternal God, we give thanks for our Lord Jesus Christ whom you raised victoriously on the third day after he was buried: We praise you for this victory over death, a victory which will also be ours. Keep us steadfast in faith that we may be ready for our resurrection into your kingdom to be with our Redeemer forever. Amen.**

Hymn: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Dear God, we are often tempted to doubt your Lordship. We go to the tomb expecting to find the body of Jesus. Forgive our faithless expectation. Instead, shatter our doubt with the wonderful words, “He has risen!” renewing in us our trust in our living Lord! We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.... (*silent prayer*). Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: “Low in the Grave He Lay”

Children’s Sermon

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10 . . . . . Andi Cammer, Reader

Anthem: “Sing An Easter Alleluia”, Mary McDonald, © 2023 Hope Pub. Co.

Sermon: “An Empty Tomb”

Prayer

The Affirmation (*based on I Corinthians 15:3-7 & Colossians 1:15-20*)

This is the good news by which we are saved, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ has died for our sins, was buried, and raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fulness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Offertory: “The Stone is Rolled Away” by Don Besig (ASCAP) & David N. Davenport, © 1992 by Richmond Music Press Inc.

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “Thine is the Glory”

Benediction

Choral Response: “Benediction Response” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “My Redeemer Lives”, Victor C. Johnson, © 2023 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.