

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
APRIL 19, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

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Introit: “Benediction Response”, by Joy F. Patterson,

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Call to Worship. Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

Leader: The glory of Easter fades so quickly if our faith is not great enough to believe in Christ's Resurrection.

People: The feeling that Christ's Resurrection is too good to be true is the very reason our faith seems inadequate.

L: That may be why Thomas wanted to see the Lord before he would believe such a wonderful truth.

P: We cannot touch Christ's wounds; but we can believe he arose, and we want our faith to be strong enough to always enjoy the glory of his Resurrection.

Hymn: “Low in the Grave He Lay”

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Invitation to confession: We join with all of creation to shout the praise of the Almighty God, and to sing for joy at His loving faithfulness. Yet we must confess to God and one another that we have failed to lived as Easter people in the hope of the resurrection. *...Silence for personal prayers...*

Father of all mercy and grace, **We confess that though Your Son has risen as Savior, we fail to serve as witnesses of that hope in our everyday lives. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus, grant us your pardon and forgiveness.**

Renew our hearts, enlighten our minds, and lead us to walk in Your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Hymn: “And Can It Be”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: John 20: 19-29. Craig Harwood, Reader

Anthem: “We Have Seen the Risen Lord”, Stan Pethel, © 1995 Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188

Sermon: “Blessed are you who Believe”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Affirmation: (*Unison*) — *based on Romans 10:9, NR*

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offertory: “We Walk by Faith”, Lloyd Larson, © 1998 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “He Lives”

Benediction

Choral Response: “We Walk by Faith” (Reprise)

Postlude: “Dona Nobis Pacem”, setting by Christine Sullivan Robbins, © 2017 Christine Sullivan Robbins