

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
May 3, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “When in Our Music God is Glorified”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: “This Is the Day” Joy F. Patterson,

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Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 133*) Rev. Richard Dykstra

L: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

P: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,

L: Running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

P: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion,

L: For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore.

P: Let us worship the Lord together.

Prayer

Hymn: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Adapted from Psalm 10:1-7

Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against you. I have delighted my soul in other things more than I have in you. Why, then, is it any surprise to me that you feel far off from me? I have driven you away!

In my arrogance, I have enjoyed the comforts of this world while I care too little that the poor cannot feed or care for themselves. Because of my greed, I boast of all that I have and all that I desire.

In one moment, I believe that I’m invincible, able to withstand any problem or struggle. In the next moment, I believe that the evil all around me is out to get me. My mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under my tongue are mischief and iniquity.

O God, forgive me of my sin. Look on me with mercy, and give me grace to delight in you, rather than in my sin. Lift me out of this pit of sin, cleanse me of my unrighteousness, and fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I might walk in holiness and obey your commandments.

.... (*silent prayer*). In his name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem: “The Lord is My Shepherd”, arr. Allen Pote, © 1991 Choristers Guild, Dist. by the Lorenz Corp.

The Word of God

Scripture: Acts 2:42-45, John 10:1-10 Carol Ann Dykstra, Reader

Sermon: “A Service to Remember”

We Respond to God’s Word

The Affirmation —Psalm 23(RSV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; **he makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters; **he restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness **for his name’s sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I fear no evil;**

for thou art with me; **thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "God Be with You"

Benediction

Choral Response: "The Lord is My Shepherd" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need", arr. Lloyd Larson,

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