

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH

May 17, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: "The Gift of Love", Hal H. Hopson, arr. John Carter,

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Introit: "God Gives Us Those Who Love Us", by John Carter & Mary Kay Beall,

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Call to Worship *from Psalm 47, 93, Hebrews 4* Rev. Richard A. Dykstra

Leader: Clap your hands for joy, all peoples!

People: Praise God with loud songs!

L: God is king over all the world!

P: Sing praise to God; sing praise to our king!

L: Let us join in song and celebration for God's redeeming love!

P: In the beauty of this new day, let us praise God! Alleluia!

Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Lord, you are a God who keeps promises.

In our prayers and songs we say that we want to be Christians, but then we forget our promises.

Our actions do not match up with our words.

We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we

think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you.

Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake.... (*silent prayer*). In Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance & the Summary of the Law

Hymn: "The Family of God"

The Word of God

Scripture: I Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21, Carol Ann Dykstra, Reader

Anthem: "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments", Francis Coombs,

Concordia Pub. House, St. Louis, MO

Sermon: "Like A Big Happy Family"

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory: "You Are Wonderfully Made", Pepper Choplin,

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Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Our Litany

Leader.....We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us,
and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-mothers.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

Hymn: "Give Thanks for Life"

Benediction

Choral Response: "If Ye Love Me" (Reprise)

Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", arr. Don Wyrzten, © 1998 Abingdon Press

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