

**JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH**  
**May 24, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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**The Approach to God**  
**We are Gathered by God**

Prelude: “Canon in D”, Johann Pachelbel, arr. Colin Hand, © 1995, Kevin Mayhew Ltd.,  
with “God Be Glorified” Bob Kilpatrick, © 1978, Lorenz Pub. Co. . . . Claudia Bracaliello, Organist

Welcome & Call to Worship — *Psalm 47:5-8, NIV*. . . . . Rev. Richard A. Dykstra

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**People: the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**P: sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

L: For God is the King of all the earth;

**P: sing to him a psalm of praise.**

L: God reigns over the nations;

**P: God is seated on his holy throne.**

Hymn: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to high standards, and we continuously fall short. You tell us to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile; to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Not only do we fail to comply with these commands, we find them so outlandish that we don't even try to live up to them. Forgive us for our failures and for our fatigue; for our stubbornness and for our sin. Hear us now as we continue to confess our sins in silence....(silent prayer). Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon and Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace

“The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you”**

Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”

**We Hear God in Word**

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11, I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11. . . . . Darcy Jaeger Brand, Reader

Anthem: “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”, Russell Nagy, © 1994 by High Street Music

. . . . . Dan Chien, Pianist/Choir Director

Sermon: “When God Disappears”

**Our Response to God's Spoken Word**

Affirmation: “The Benefits of the Ascension”

Offertory: “How Firm a Foundation”, arr. Lloyd Larson (ASCAP), © 1999 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers on Intercession (*including The Lord's Prayer*)

Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign”

Benediction

Postlude: “Christ, Above All Glory Seated”, James Mansfield,

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