

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
June 21, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “Children of the Heavenly Father”, arr. Tom Fettke,

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Introit: “This Is the Day” Joy F. Patterson, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship,
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Call to Worship (*based Psalm 86:1-4*) Rev. Richard A. Dykstra

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Hymn: “This is My Father’s World”

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Lord, God, you care for the broken and the outcast, the poor and the grieving. We repent of anything we have done - by thoughtlessness or by intent - that has added to the pain of the world.

We repent of the times we have not trusted in your love to redeem our pain and have, therefore, grieved your Spirit. Forgive us, and renew us that we may live our future more faithfully...

(*silent prayer*). We pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Hymn: “Can You Count the Stars?”

The Word of God

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21, Matthew 10:24-39 Jon Dykstra, Reader

Anthem: “On Eagle’s Wings”, Joncas/arr. Douglas E. Wagner (ASCAP),

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Sermon: “What happened to, “And they lived happily ever after?””

We Respond to God’s Word

The Affirmation —*from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26*

**I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.**

He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Offertory: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”, Temple/arr. Jane Holstein,

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Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Choral Response: “On Eagle’s Wings” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation”, arr. John Purifoy, © 2002 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.