

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
July 26, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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A Prayer of Preparation for Worship
O God, let me still my mind,
Cease my inward chatter,
Dismiss my distractions,
Enter the silence,
Be with God.
Amen.

The Approach to God
We are Gathered by God

Prelude: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: “We Have Come to Worship the Lord” by Charles Yannerella,

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Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 139:1-6 (NLT))

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.

You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.

You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

We are in awe of you. All we can do is offer our worship and praise.

Hymn: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O Holy Spirit, you guide us and lead us to Jesus. You show us we are co-heirs with Christ.

However, we do not follow your leadership. We refuse to live as children of God. We live selfishly, out of fear. We refuse to be generous. Our gifts from you are squandered for our own comfort.

Spirit of Life, lead us into the deep waters. Lead us away from our self-centeredness and show us more of Jesus as we silently confess our sins to you now.. . (*silent prayer*). In Christ we pray. Amen.

The Response: “God is so good”

Assurance of Pardon

The Summary of the Law

Hymn: Awesome Might Medley

(“Awesome God”, “Awesome Power”, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts”)

The Word of God

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Carol Ann Dykstra, Reader

Anthem: “Gather Us In”, Marty Haugen, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Sermon: “The Wheat Among the Weeds” Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory: "Refiner's Fire", Brian Doerksen, arr. John F. Wilson,

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Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

Choral Response: "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "Blessed Assurance", arr. Mark Hayes, © 2018 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.