

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
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The Approach to God

A Prayer of Preparation for Worship

*O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,
that with steady minds and burning zeal
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.*

We are Gathered by God

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: "This Is the Day" Joy F. Patterson,

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Call to Worship (*from Psalm 105*). Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

People: Make known among the nations what God has done.

L: Sing to God, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts.

P: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Hymn: "Glorious Is Thy Name"

Prayer of Invocation

Litany Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, **forgive us;**

for the things we have failed to do that we regret, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have acted without love, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have reacted without thought, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have withdrawn care, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have failed to forgive, **forgive us.**

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. . . (silent prayer).

In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Response: "Be Still and Know"

Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

Hymn: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

The Word of God

Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28, Romans 8:26-39 Andi Cammer, Reader

Anthem: "The Beatitudes", Avery & Marsh/arr. John F. Wilson,

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Sermon: "In everything God works for good"

We Respond to God's Word

The Affirmation — *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 56

Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do,

for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule

and every resistance to his will shall be crushed.

Then his kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever.

Offertory: "What A Friend", Charles C. Converse, arr. Jack Schrader,
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Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "What A Day"

Benediction

Choral Response: "What A Friend" (*Reprise*)

Postlude: "On Our Way Rejoicing", arr. Rodney Abriol,
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