

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
September 13, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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We are Gathered by God

Prelude: “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”, arr. Cindy Berry,

© 2005 FJH Music Company Inc. Dan Chien, Organist/Choir Dir.

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

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Call to Worship Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

Leader: We are God’s own; God calls us each by name, and beckons us toward the vocation of God’s choosing.

People: Calling us, ordinary people of ordinary abilities.

L: We are designated and destined to work with God to accomplish extraordinary things in accord with God’s purposes.

P: How shall we hear and how shall we respond?

L: Let us be attentive to God even now as we worship, remembering that it God who has first claim on our lives.

P: Amen. Let us worship God.

Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Holy God, it surprises us that you would use ordinary people like us in your work. We know ourselves to be weak and willful, soiled and sinful, and wonder why you consider us worthy to share in your purpose.

Some of us try to hide from you by keeping our focus on familiar routines. And we find so many excuses when you ask us to get involved.

But we find you searching and calling us, just when and where we least expect. Forgive our apathy and resistance to committing ourselves to your calling.

Forgive our failure to believe and trust that you will equip those who you call as your co-workers..
... (silent prayer). In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Response: “Just as I am!”

Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

The Gloria Patri

The Word of God

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20 Becky Maeder Chien, Reader

Anthem: “Canticle of Fellowship”, by Craig Courtney (ASCAP), © 1990 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Sermon: “The Test of Christian Love”

We Respond to God’s Word

Offertory: “In Remembrance”, Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red, choral setting by Lloyd Larson,

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Offertory Prayer & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “Come, Labor On”

Benediction

Choral Response: “Canticle of Fellowship” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song”, by John Leavitt, © 1997 John Leavitt