

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
September 27, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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We are Gathered by God

Prelude: "I Love to Tell the Story", William G. Fisher, from *At the Console*, arr. William H. Felton,
© 1940, Theodore Presser Co., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Claudia Bracaliello, Organist

Call to Worship (*Matthew 11:28-29, NIV*) Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,

People: and I will give you rest.

L: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

P: for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Hymn: "Sing Praise to God who Reigns above"

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

There are many times we think we love you well, O God.

But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,

**and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love,
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.**

Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away.

How easily our devotion dies.

**Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love
for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us ... (*silent prayer*). In Christ we pray. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn: "God is Here"

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: Philippians 1:12-30, Matthew 20:1-16. Kevin Mead, Reader

Anthem: "If My People Will Pray" with "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord", arr. Keith Christopher,

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Sermon: "A Four Word Epitaph"

Our Response to God's Spoken Word

Offertory Hymn: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

Benediction

Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!", Tom Birchwood,

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