JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
November 15, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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We are Gathered by God

Prelude: "Be Still, My Soul", arr. John Purifoy, © 2013 Hal Leonard Corp. . . . . Dan Chien, Organist/Choir Dir.
Introit: "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" by Charles Yannerella, © 1987 by Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188
Call to Worship –*based on Hebrews 12:1, NRSV*. . . . . Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

L: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

P: In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God.

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Even as we eagerly await your return, Lord Jesus, we must confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, with our entire mind, nor with all of our strength. We have loved our rituals and our ruts more than you. Forgive us our complacency and our unwarranted fear of death. Your sacrifice has once and for all covered all our sins. We trust your salvation... *(Silent prayer)***. Amen.**

The Response: "Change My Heart, O God"
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

All: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Summary of the Law
Gloria Patri
Hymn Medley: "I'll Fly Away", "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", "When We All Get to Heaven"

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:1-18, Matthew 25:1-13 . . . . . Becky Maeder Chien, Reader
Anthem: "At the Name of Jesus", Noel/Larry Shackley, © 2022 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.
Sermon: "What's Next? What does the future hold?"

We Respond to the Word

The Affirmation *—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1*

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offertory: "Walk In Jerusalem Just-A Like John", Robert W. Thygerson, (ASCAP),
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Offertory Prayer & Doxology
Our Prayers of Intercession
Hymn: "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"
Benediction
Choral Response: "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" *(Reprise)*
Postlude: "Give Me Jesus" arr. Lloyd Larson, © 2014 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.