JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
November 22, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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We are Gathered by God

Prelude: "Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee", Théodore Dubois,
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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,

P: 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.

L: In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior,

P: let us worship God.

Hymn: "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we rejoice in your resurrection and in your promise to return. Help us live today as people who await the fulfillment of your kingdom. We confess we often look for comfort outside of you. Bend our knees to the hard work of prayer, worship, repentance, and intercession. Throughout history you have used the seemingly weak to nurture justice, to fight poverty, and to walk bravely toward human thrones of power proclaiming another way. Help us find comfort and hope in our afflictions, knowing you are present with us always. (...silent prayer)**.**

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, **Amen**.

Words of Assurance & The Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn: "When We are Living"

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30 . . . . . Ray Bracaliello, Lay Reader

Anthem: "Lead Me, Guide Me", arr. John Carter, © 1953 and this arr. © 2003 by Doris Akers.
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Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188 . . . . . Dan Chien, Choir Director/Accompanist

Sermon: "Talented People"

Our Response to God's Spoken Word

Offertory: "Appalachian Grace - Our Song of Endless Praise", Wes Hannibal, Folliott Pierpoint,
and John Newton, arr. Diane Hannibal & Joel Raney, © 2020 by Hal Leonard LLC

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession *(including The Lord's Prayer)*

Hymn: "When Memory Fades"

Benediction

Postlude: "The Church's One Foundation", James Mansfield, © 1982 Lorenz Pub., Co.