

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
March 29, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”, arr. Lloyd Larson,

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Introit: “Jesus, Keep Me Near”, Ellen Purchase, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship,
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Call to Worship (based on Psalm 130:5-7). Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: Let us wait for the Lord

People: Our souls wait, and in his word we hope. Our souls wait for the Lord, more than the watchmen for the morning.

Leader: O Church, hope in the Lord!

People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (Unison) *Inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Lifeless are our prayers. Dry and brittle are our spirits. Like Ezekiel’s valley of dry bones, we are a people without the sinews of goodness, the flesh of holiness, and the breath of righteousness. We are depleted of God’s beauty and spiritually dead; a hopeless people asleep in the graveyard of our sins. The disease of pride and rebellion has slain us. May, You, O God, awaken us from our deathly repose, put us squarely on our feet, and renew within us a right spirit and a clean heart (silent prayer of confession). We pray through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Words of Assurance — Inspired by Psalm 130

Summary of the Law

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: “Out of the Depths”

The Word of God in Proclamation

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45 Steve Mattice, Reader

Anthem: “Hymn of Promise”, Natalie Sleeth,

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Sermon: “Lazarus, Arise!”

The Response to God

The Affirmation (Unison)—*Job 19:25-26, NRSV*

**I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.**

Offertory: “Give Me Jesus”, Traditional Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke,

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Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “Lead Me to Calvary”

Benediction

Choral Response: “Give Me Jesus” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “Be Still, My Soul”, arr. John Purifoy, © 2013 Hal Leonard Corp.