

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
May 31, 2026 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Approach to God

Prelude: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”, arr. Lloyd Larson, © 1999 Abingdon Press

..... Dan Chien, Organist/Choir Director

Introit: “Come, Holy Spirit”, by Ellen Purchase, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship,
Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL

Call to Worship Rev. Richard A. Dykstra

The Spirit gathers us to worship God and builds us up in faith, hope,
and love so that we may go into the world to proclaim the gospel and work for justice and peace.

Let us worship God together.

Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.

**We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things,
and blind to spiritual things.**

Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire.

Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith

to receive the renewing touch of your hand. ... (*silent prayer*) We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Response: “Cleanse Me”

The Assurance of Pardon and Summary of the Law

Gloria Patri

Hymn: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

The Word of God

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21, I Corinthians 12:1-13. Steve Walker, Reader

Anthem: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”, arr. Lloyd Larson, ©1995 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Sermon: “The Limping Church”

We Respond to God's Word

The Affirmation — from *Our Song of Hope*, st. 17

**The Holy Spirit builds one church, united in one Lord and one hope,
with one ministry around one table.**

**The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus to respond in worship together, to accept all the gifts
from the Spirit, to learn from each other's traditions, to make unity visible on earth.**

Offertory: “Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song”, Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr., © 1982 Hope Pub. Co.,
Music by Peter Cutts, © 1969 Hope Pub. Co., arr. Robert Lau, © 2008 Hope Pub. Co.,
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Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “God of Our Fathers”

Benediction

Choral Response: “Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song” (*Reprise*)

Postlude: “This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations”, Jean Sibelius, arr. Lloyd Larson,
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