

**JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH**

**Order of Worship**

10:00 A.M. April 18, 2021

*Welcome! Our Easter celebration continues as we see lives touched by the Risen Christ. We hope that he has touched yours in a special way this week, and that in our worship we can express our joy in knowing the living Jesus! We hope you feel welcome and come back to worship with us again!*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”. . . . . arr. Larry Shackley  
. . . . . Dan Chien, Organist

Introit: “This Is the Day”. . . . . Joy F. Patterson

Call to Worship. . . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra

We declare what we have heard: **God loves us!**

We declare what we have seen: **God loves us!**

We declare what we have felt: **God loves us!**

We have heard and seen and felt that when we walk in holy ways,  
**we are God’s people of love.**

Salutation

Hymn: “I Stand Amazed”

Prayer of Invocation

The Assurance of Pardon and Summary of the Law

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scriptures: I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48 . . . . .

. . . . . Carol Ann Dykstra, Reader

Anthem: “This Is Love” . . . . . Jack Schrader

Sermon: “Becoming Like Jesus”

Prayer

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”. . . . . John Carter

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.

**Alleluia!**

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death.

**Keep us victorious over sin.**

By your resurrection you raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

**Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners and filled the disciples with joy.

**Give us joy in your service.**

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles and brought salvation to the whole world.

**Direct our lives as your new creation.**

*[After a brief silence, the leader continues the prayer:]*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,  
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ,  
and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of  
eternal life with you, through Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Hymn: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Benediction

Choral Response: “This Is Love” (*excerpt*) . . . . . Jack Schrader

Postlude: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”. . . . .  
. . . . . Jamaican folk tune arr. John Carter