

## II. I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Reading: John 1:1-5; 8:12

The Anthem: “O Thou, the Central Orb”

Music: Charles Wood  
Text: H. R. Bramley

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this, our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding out darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy luster round Thee move, as stars above Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let light beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere while unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 667

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Verse 1: Women and girls  
Verse 2: Men and boys  
Verse 3: All in harmony

The Prayer

## II. I AM THE DOOR

The Reading: John 10:7-10

The Hymn: “I Am the Door, the Savior Said”

Music: H. W. Greatorex's *Collection*

Text: John 10:1-11, Norman Johnson  
Verse 1: All in harmony  
Verse 2: Men and boys  
Verse 3: All a cappella  
Verse 4: Women and girls  
Verse 5: All in harmony

1. "I am the Door," the Sav - ior said, "The Life-Gate of the soul:  
2. "I am the Door," the Sav - ior said, "For those in sin a - stray:  
3. "I am the Door," the Sav - ior said, "For them who long for rest:  
4. "I am the Door," the Sav - ior said, "For hearts that yearn for peace:  
5. O gen - tle Shep - herd of the flock, To Life the o - pen Door,

All those in need who en - ter in Are made com - plete and whole."  
All they who come by faith will find My new and liv - ing Way."  
In my green pas - tures they shall feed Se - cure, con - tent and blest."  
With - in my fold there lies the path To free - dom and re - lease."  
With ea - ger - ness we en - ter in To - day - and ev - er - more!\*

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The Anthem: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Music: French Melody, 17<sup>th</sup> Century, arr. S. Drummond Wolff  
Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

*Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;  
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, bear us children when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to Thee.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still. Amen.*

The Prayer

## IV. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Reading: John 10:11-14

The Hymn Concertato: Lift Up Your Hearts 456

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Music: Marty Haugen

Text: para. Psalm 23, Marty Haugen  
Refrain: Junior Choir  
Verse 1: Junior Choir  
Refrain: All  
Verse 2: Chancel Choir  
Refrain: All  
Verse 3: Men and boys  
Refrain: All  
Verse 4: Chancel Choir  
Refrain: Chancel Choir  
Verse 5: All quietly  
Refrain: Junior Choir

The Anthem: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Music: John B. Dykes, 1868

Text: para. Psalm 23, Sir Henry W. Baker, 1868

*The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spreadest a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.*

*And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

The Prayer

## V. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

The Reading: John 11:21-26

The Anthem: “When Grief Is Raw”

Music: David Haas  
Text: Brian Wren

*When grief is raw, and music goes unheard, and thought is numb, we have no  
polished phrases to recite. In Christ we come to hear the old familiar words:  
“I am the resurrection. I am life.”*

*God, give us time for gratitude and tears, and make us free to grieve,  
remember, honor and delight. Let love be strong to bear regrets and banish  
fears: “I am the resurrection. I am life.”*

*The height and breadth of all that love prepares soar out of time,  
beyond our speculation and our sight. The cross remains to ground  
the promise that it bears: “I am the resurrection. I am life.”*

*All shall be judged, the greatest and the least, and all be loved, till every hurt  
is healed, all wrong set right. In bread and wine we taste the great  
homecoming feast, and in the midst of death we are in life.*

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\*The Hymn Concertato: Lift Up Your Hearts 187

“Thine Is the Glory”

Music: G. F. Handel, arr. Richard Webster

Text: Edmond Budry

tr. R. Birch Hoyle

(Please rise at the conductor's cue)

Introduction  
Verse 1: All in unison  
Verse 2: All in harmony  
Interlude  
Verse 3: All in unison

The Prayer

## VI. I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

The Reading: John 14:1-7

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“We Come, O Christ, to You”

Music: John Darwall, arr. James Biery

Text: Margaret Clarkson

Introduction  
Verse 1: All in unison  
Verse 2: All in harmony  
Verse 3: Women and girls  
Verse 4: Men and boys  
Verse 5: All in unison

The Prayer

## VII. I AM THE TRUE VINE

The Reading: John 15:1-8

The Anthem: “I Am the Vine”

Music: Ken Medema,

Text: Based on John 15:1-5, Ken Medema

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing, I am the vine. For you say . . .*

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The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 851

“I Am the Holy Vine”

Music: John Ireland, v.3, Michael Burkhardt

Text: John 15:1-5, vers. James Quinn

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: All in harmony

Verse 3: All in unison

The Prayer

The Offertory: “Amazing Grace”

arr. Bill Holcombe

*Today’s offering is for LaGrave General Fund and for Next Step. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.*

*(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)*

\*The Closing Hymn Concertato: Lift Up Your Hearts 684

“There in God’s Garden”

Music: K. Lee Scott

(Please rise at conductor’s cue) Text: Revelation 22, Király Imre von Pécselyi

Introduction

trans. Erik Routley

Verse 1: All in unison

Verse 2: Women and girls in unison

Verse 3: Men and boys in unison

Verse 4: Choir

Verse 5: All in unison

Interlude

Verse 6: All in unison

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Choral Response: “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” (excerpt)

Music: Early American, arr. Alice Parker

Text: Traditional

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!*

*Please be seated for the postlude*

The Postlude: “Thine Is the Glory”

G. F. Handel, arr. Robert A. Hobby

## PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Aaron Eding, Avery Hollebeek – readers

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

### Western Brass

Scott Thornburg, Robert White – trumpet

Erich Peterson – french horn

Daniel Mattson – trombone

Robert Whaley – tuba

Perrin Rynders – timpani

Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director

Karen Schipper – pianist

Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

Laura Schipper – flutist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

Becky Rhoda – soloist

**THE REFORMATION DAY FESTIVAL OF HYMNS**, now in its thirty-third year, began under the direction of Merle Mustert in 1986. The first festival featured the prominent American church musician John Weaver as guest organist. Subsequent hymn festivals were planned around specific themes such as the dedication of the 1987 edition of the *Psalter Hymnal*, the liturgical year, the Lord’s Prayer, “On This Rock,” Psalm 46, “Canticles of the Covenant,” The Apostles’ Creed, Psalm 90, “From Eden to Jerusalem: A Pilgrim’s Progress in Song,” “His Very Great and Precious Promises,” “Our Only Comfort,” “Rock of All Ages,” “Grace Upon Grace: Remembering, Rejoicing, Rededicating” (celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christian Reformed Church), “Singing Psalms in Evil Days,” and “Every Square Inch.”

Tonight’s hymn festival is based on the seven “I AM” sayings of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. The prayers are from the pen of Kenneth D. Powell, pastor of Pilgrim Church (United Church of Christ) in Sherborn, Massachusetts.

We welcome guest flutist **Laura Schipper** and the **Western Brass** from Western Michigan University and thank them for sharing their gifts in worship this evening.

The chancel flowers today are given by **Cloe Ann Danford** in loving memory of her friend **Beverly Klooster**, former member of LaGrave and the Chancel Choir.

## Thirty-Third Annual Reformation Day Festival of Hymns Sunday, October 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

## GLORY TO THE GREAT “I AM”

The Prelude:

“Final alla Schumann”

Alexandre Guilmant; arr. David Marlatt

“O Worship the King”

attrib. Johann Michael Haydn

arr. Joshua A. Evanovich

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Sing with Joy to God, All the Earth”

Music: Larry Visser

Text: Psalm 66:1-2

*Sing with joy to God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious, sing, shout, shout, sing! Make his praise glorious!*

\*The Opening Hymn Concertato: Lift Up Your Hearts 43

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

Music John Hughes; arr. Richard Webster

(Please rise at the conductor’s cue)

Text: William Williams

Introduction

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: Choir

Interlude

Verse 3: All in unison

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Introduction

## I. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Reading: John 6:32-35

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 842

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Music: Suzanne Toolan; arr. Greg Scheer

Introduction

Text: Suzanne Toolan

Verse 1: All in unison

Verse 2: Women and girls in unison; all join on refrain in harmony

Verse 3: Men and boys in unison; all join on refrain in harmony

Verse 4: All in unison

The Prayer