

April 28, 2019

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

The Prelude:

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship
with a time of prayer and meditation.*

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Michael Burkhardt, Paul Bouman

“Four Variants on *Praise the Savior, Now and Ever*”

Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Rise Now, My Heart, with Gladness”

Johann Crüger

Rise now, my heart, with gladness; see what the Lord has done! Gone is all gloom and sadness, now shines the glorious sun! Like Christ, we too shall lie lifeless till he draw nigh and bids us then to rise to dwell above the skies.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 191

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 30 (pg. 864)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 668:1,3,5

“I Worship You, O Lord”

The Confession:

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

A. **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.**

Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Q. How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

A. **Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 45, 58

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 488:1,2,4

“Jerusalem the Golden”

The Ministry Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Arthur Somervell

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne’er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber; till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
(Refrain)*

*Death’s flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
(Refrain)*

The Offertory:

“Now the Green Blades Rises”

Raymond H. Haan

The Offering

*Today’s offering is for Family Promise and the LaGrave General Fund. 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Philippians 3:7-14 (pg. 1826)

The Sermon: **“ATTAINING THE RESURRECTION”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 206:1,2,4,5
“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Gigue on *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*”

Karl Osterland

Rev. Peter Jonker– minister
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Aaron Polet – vocalist

Aaron Polet is a recent Calvin College graduate with a degree in music education, a member of the music and worship team at Shawnee Park CRC, sings in the Calvin College Alumni Choir, and also teaches voice privately. We warmly welcome Aaron and pray that his ministry through music will enrich our worship this evening.

The flowers in the chancel are given by **Joady Hoekstra, John & Shelly (Johnny, Sam) Schat; Jon & Jamie (Ally, James) VanHekken** in loving memory of **Jim Hoekstra**, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

The designated offering for the month of **April** is for Family Promise. Homelessness...one family at a time. Family Promise is an organization committed to giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

Please join us after the service in the Multipurpose Room for a light supper and a meet and greet presentation with Drs. Daniel and Priscila Cummings.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

