

January 12, 2020

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. An asterick (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:
“Pastorale” César Franck

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:
“O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne”
O God, we kneel before your throne to honor you whose name is known to all your family by your love on earth below and heaven above:

Refrain: How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!

Now to the One who can do more than we could dream of asking for, eternal glory to our King as generations rise to sing.
(Refrain)

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540
“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
(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: Ephesians 3:14-21 (pg. 1817)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 548:1,2,4,6
“My God, How Wonderful You Are”

*The Confession:
What does the Lord require in the first commandment?
That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, sorcery, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for

every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God’s will in any way.

What is idolatry?
Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 94,95

What do we believe about God?
We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

Belgic Confession Art. 1

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 566:1,3,4
“Give Praise to Our God”

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:
“How Great Thou Art” arr. Dan Forrest
*O Lord my God! How great thou art!
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made! I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze: then sings my soul, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died, to take my sin. Then sings my soul, how great thou art! O Lord my God, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great

thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art! O Lord my God, how great thou art!

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The Offertory:
“To God Be the Glory” Paul Mickelson

The Offering:
Today’s offering is for Inner City Christian Federation 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 Scripture: Ezekiel 1 (pg. 1288)

The Sermon: **“THE APPEARANCE OF THE LIKENESS OF GLORY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 579
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Praise to the Lord the Almighty *with* Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Kenneth D. Varner

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist
Kendra Gontjes – vocalist, pianist

Thanks to **Kendra Gontjes** who provides the ministry of music this evening. Kendra is a 2018 Calvin University graduate who majored in music education. She is currently a middle school choir director at Zeeland Christian School and is a member of the Calvin Alumni Choir.

Mr. Juska and Mrs. Jona Lazarres, missionaries in Hati supported by Henry Beets, will present their work with

God's Vision for Haiti. Come to the Multipurpose Room immediately after the service, enjoy a light supper, and hear about their work with foster parents and children in a country with very few resources and overwhelming poverty.

The January special offering is for Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

Epiphany Banners: Epiphany is the season of light. The Light of God's Son Jesus has come into the world. A symbol of the Trinity is at the top of the banners, with the golden ray of God's light coming down on the white background, the liturgical color for Epiphany.

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