

**January 19, 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:

“Three Settings on Genevan Psalm 138” Willem VanTwilert  
“He Leadeth Me” Jon Spong  
“Children of the Heavenly Father” David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Harold DeCou  
*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, thou has bought us, thine we are.*

*Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, thou has loved us, love us still.*

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531

“God, You Call Us to This Place”  
*(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 138 (pg. 973)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 585:1,3,4  
“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

\*The Confession:

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;  
**but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community — those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ.**

In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing,  
**the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.**

God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread, and wine.

**In baptism, whether of the newly born or newly converted, God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love, the washing away of our sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit—expecting our love and trust in return.**

*Our World Belong to God, par. 34, 37*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 846:1,2,4,5  
“Baptized in Christ”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own” from *St.*

*Paul* Felix Mendelssohn  
*But the Lord is mindful of his own, he remembers his children. Bow down before him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us. Yea, the Lord is mindful of his own.*

*Based on Psalm 115:12; 2 Timothy 2:19*

The Offertory:

“Shepherd Me, O God” Charles Callahan

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: Colossians 2:6-15 (pg. 1830)

The Sermon: **“BAPTISM AND SHIFTING LANDSCAPES”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 797  
“Sing! A New Creation”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Chant Heroique” Gordon Young

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister  
Rev. Cal VanderMeyden – reader  
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist  
Emily Smith – vocalist

We welcome Roanoke, Virginia native **Emily Smith** to worship this evening. Emily is a vocal instructor and board-certified music therapist serving the greater Grand Rapids area. She currently resides at the Cathedral of St. Andrew as a cantor, teaches at Grand Rapids Community College, and is co-owner of West Michigan Music Therapy. May God bless her music ministry to us this evening.

**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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