

February 23, 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:

“Benedictus”

Alec Rowley

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Marilyn Biery

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place”

Gordon Young

Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard; let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia! Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard; let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia! O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on; in praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 46

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

(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: John 5:1-15 (pg. 1654)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 322:1,3,4

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

*The Confession of Faith:

What does the fourth petition mean?

“Give us this day our daily bread” means:

Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither

our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 125

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 369

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

The Pastoral Prayer

Concluded with:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

The Offertory Anthem:

“Canticle of Praise”

John Ness Beck

As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembreth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth, for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone. And the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear him, to such as keep his covenants. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all. Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the heights! Praise ye him, all his angels. Praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon, praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: fire and hail, snow and vapours, stormy wind fulfilling his word! Kings of earth, and all people, princes and all judges of the earth, young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord! For his name alone is excellent, his glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord!

from Psalms 103 and 148

The Offering:

Today’s offering is for The Bridge of Arbor Circle 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 Anthem: “Beati Quorum Via”

Charles Villiers Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulat in lege Domini.

English translation:

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119:1

The Scripture: Isaiah 40:27-31 (pg. 1122)

The Sermon: **“TO WALK AND NOT FAINT”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Benediction: “Benediction”

John E. Bullock

Father, give thy benediction, give thy peace before we part. Peace which passeth understanding on our waiting spirits send. Amen.

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

The February special offering is for The Bridge of Arbor Circle (located in Grand Rapids), which offers emergency shelter for youths and additional counseling for the youths and their families.

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Andrea Dekker**. They are given with gratitude for the joy Andi gave to **Grace, Max, Anne, Sara, Jeff and Don Dekker**.

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