

March 1, 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:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Spoken Call to Worship:

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

*The Opening Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 667: 1-3**

“God Has Spoken by the Prophets”

(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: Luke 1:46-55 (pg. 1591)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The Confession of Faith:

All spheres of life—family and friendship, work and worship, school and state, play and art—bear the wounds of our rebellion. Sin is present everywhere—in pride of

race, arrogance of nations, abuse of the weak and helpless, disregard for water, air, and soil, destruction of living creatures, slavery, murder, terror, and war, worship of false gods, the mistreatment of our bodies, and our frantic efforts to escape reality. We become victims of our own sin.

In all our striving to excuse or save ourselves, we stand condemned before the God of truth. But our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God, who holds it together and gives us hope. Our World Belongs to God, par. 16, 17

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 364

“Tell Out, My Soul”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory: “On Eagle’s Wings” John Carter

The Offering:

Today’s offering is for Mel Trotter Ministries 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 Sung Prayer for Illumination: Lift Up Your Hearts 749

“Spirit of the Living God”

The Scripture: Obadiah 1 (pg. 1438)

The Sermon: **“A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 224

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” Gordon Young

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Sara Good – organist, pianist

The March special offering is for Mel Trotter Ministries – a shelter for individuals and families with services including: day center, meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, and case management.

Lent Banners: The Liturgical season of Lent is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. For Christians, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal as we identify with the journey of Jesus in his death and resurrection. The colors of purple used in the paraments and banners symbolize the suffering of Jesus, of humanity, and the world under sin. Purple also symbolizes royalty. Jesus is the King who rules over all things.

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