

LaGrave Avenue CRC Livestream Worship – June 14, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

Sicilienne – Maria Theresia von Paradis
Come to the Savior Now – Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! – Craig Courtney

*Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 581: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine. Amen.**

The Greeting

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Luke 24:13-27

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 24:28-35

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 207: 1,3 “Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

- 1. Come to us, beloved Stranger, as you came that Easter day.
Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need you still today.
Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost,
speak to us the prophets' message you fulfilled upon the cross.**

**3. We would never fail to see you as you walk with us each day.
As a friend and not a stranger you would join us on our way.
Help us trust that through your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend,
and to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful till life's end.**

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The Anthem – “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace” – Hal H. Hopson

*Lord, make us servants of your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.*

*Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope,
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.*

*Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.*

*Dying, we live, and are reborn, through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace to wake at last in heaven's light. Amen.*

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory – Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace – Daniel Kallman

“Where all is doubt, may we sow faith.”

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Children’s Message

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We Hear God’s Word

The Scripture: John 20:24-31

The Sermon: “Reason to Believe: Faith and Doubt”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 690:1,2,3

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. (Refrain)

3. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. (Refrain)

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – David Cherwien
". . . drive the gloom of doubt away."

Minister: Rev. Ruth Boven

Liturgist: Rev. Kristy Manion

Organist, pianist: Dr. Larry Visser

Clarinetist: Sarah Horton

Vocalist: Jan Doornbos Zandt