

January 24, 2021

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:

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Benjamin Culli, David Cherwien, Charles Callahan

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended” David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 507

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”

(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: Isaiah 40:21-31

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 378

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What does the sixth petition mean?

“And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one” means:

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual

struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 127

Q. What does that little word “Amen” express?

A. **“Amen” means: this shall truly and surely be!**

It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 129

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 322:1,2,3

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14

The Sermon: **“NOT YOUR END”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 387

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Martha Sobaje

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

Dr. John Rottman – guest minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Sara Good – organist

Tonight, we welcome **Dr. John Rottman** to our pulpit. Dr. Rottman is a member of our congregation and a professor at Calvin Seminary where he teaches Homiletics (the study of preaching).

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

The liturgical season of Epiphany is a time of joy and thanksgiving. We celebrate Jesus Christ who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. And as we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, we are called to reflect his light in our lives.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

