

March 14, 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:

“Récit de Tierce en Taille”

Nicolas de Grigny

“Land of Rest”

George Shearing

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

Frank Stoldt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 432:1,3,5

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

(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: Ephesians 1:3-8a

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 679

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

*The Confession of Faith:

Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior. We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way. God’s electing love sustains our hope:
God’s grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

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.**

Our World Belongs to God, par. 26, 34

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 682

“Before the Throne of God Above”

The Pastoral Prayer

Lift Up Your Hearts 632 “Remember Not, O God”

Vs. 1 & vs. 2 leading into prayer

**1. Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;
in tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.**

**2. O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify your name;
deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.**

Vs. 3 at conclusion of prayer

**3. Then, safe within your fold, we will exalt your name;
our thankful hearts with songs of joy your goodness
will proclaim.**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

The Sermon: **“A NEW NAME”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata in B minor”

Eugène Gigout

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

The March special offering is for **God’s Kitchen** which is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They provide noontime meals, serving people in downtown Grand Rapids, as well as six sponsored sites throughout West Michigan.

Banners: Purple is the color for the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus as he journeys to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and the world broken by sin. For Christians, this is a time for self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins and call on God, in Christ, to save us.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

