

March 28, 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:

“Three Settings of *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended*”
Helmut Walcha, Mark C. Jones, Charles Ore

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 582
“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”
(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: Genesis 12:1-8

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1,2,5
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*The Confession of Faith:

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices, we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself. God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.

Our World Belong to God, Par. 41, 42

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 500:1-4
“Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”

The Pastoral Prayer: *(concluded with)* Lift Up Your Hearts 919
“Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth”

The Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

The Sermon: **“OUR CALLING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 754
“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
Mary Beth Bennett

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

Rev. John Mondt – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

This evening, we welcome **Reverend John Mondt** to our pulpit. Rev. Mondt is the pastor of the African Community Fellowship, a church plant of the Christian Reformed Church.

The chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of **Rev. Jacob D. and Anne B. Eppinga** who entered the Church Triumphant on 3/1/08 and 3/24/11. **Dick and Judy Eppinga, John and Deanna Eppinga DeVries, Ryan and Chelsea DeVos-Lundquist, and Brittany DeVos**

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

