

March 7, 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:

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Karl Osterland

“Two Settings on *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

Charles Callahan

“What Wondrous Love”

Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 111:1,2,4,5,6

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

(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: 1 Corinthians 13

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 307

“Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels”

*The Confession of Faith:

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord. She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him: delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer – silent before the mystery of his love.

We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and

language, has become a broken communion in a broken world. When we struggle for the truth of the gospel and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for wisdom and courage. When our pride or blindness hinders the unity of God’s household, we seek forgiveness. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity. We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus, and we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith.

Our World Belongs to God, par. 35,40

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 257:1-3, 6

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

The Pastoral Prayer

begins by singing vs. 1 and concludes by singing vs. 4

**1. I need thee every hour, teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.**

**4. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee.
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.**

LUYH 322:4

The Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

The Sermon: **“Love and Knowledge”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma de Waal Malefyt – 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.

