Easter Sunday
April 4 – 8:40 & 11:00 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:
“Fanfare and Voluntary on I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
Mark Albrecht

“The Chiming of the Prelude”
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”
S. Drummond Wolff

“The Defeat of Death
“...for the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised...”
The Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

We Celebrate the Resurrection Life

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The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 202:1,2
“This Joyful Eastertide”

A New Heart
The Reading: Romans 6:3-13

The Anthem:
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”
Philip W. J. Stopford

“This Joyful Eastertide”

A New Creation
“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new’!”
The Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

We Respond with Devotion

*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 193:1,2,6,7
“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”
(Sing verse 7 in unison)

The Introduction:

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We Respond with Praise

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 182:1-4
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
arr. John Ferguson

“The Greeting – concluded with:
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Welcome

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction


*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Toccata from Symphony No. 5”

Charles Marie Widor

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.
Trumpeter Greg Wells is a band teacher at Northview Public Schools and a private instructor. Greg joins LaGrave instrumentalists Aaron Good and Perrin Rynders and our musical quartet in offering music this morning. May God bless their ministry of music this Easter morning.

Music at LaGrave
This morning’s two anthems are separated by nearly 500 years. The Easter hymn O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing originated in 15th century France and was penned in Latin by a Franciscan friar, Jean Tisserand. The hymn begins with a series of unison Alleluias, and each verse ends with the same four-part Alleluia refrain. British composer Philip Stopford’s Christ the Lord Is Risen Again was written in 2013 and also includes joyful Alleluias, at times heard in succession by each of the four voices.

The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

There will not be a service this evening.

Easter is the glorious celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death. The colors white and gold are used in the paraments and banners. They symbolize our hope of new life in Jesus Christ. The crystals symbolize the light brought into the world by the risen Jesus Christ as well as his exaltation as Lord and King.