

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
“Variants and Processional on *This Joyful Eastertide*”
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!” S. Drummond Wolff
*Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on
your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the
paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!*

*Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage
pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! Now he
lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

The Easter Story: Matthew 28:1-10

The Christ Candle Returns

*To symbolize the death of Jesus, the Christ candle was removed
from the sanctuary during our Maundy Thursday service.
On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to symbolize Christ’s time
in the grave, the candle remained absent from the front of the church.
This morning, to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, the candle is
restored. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not
overcome it!” John 1:5*

We Respond with Praise

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 182:1-4

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” arr. John Ferguson
Please rise as the trumpets begin the brief introduction
Verses 1-3: Sing in harmony
Interlude
Verse 4: Sing in unison
*Latecomers will be seated during the singing of the hymn.

*The Greeting – concluded with:

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Welcome

We Celebrate the Resurrection Life

The Defeat of Death

“... for the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised ...”

The Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

A New Heart

“... count yourself dead to sin but alive to God in Jesus Christ.”

The Reading: Romans 6:3-13

The Anthem:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” Philip W. J. Stopford
*Christ the Lord is ris’n again, Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our
Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in
glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who
slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through
Cristendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people
feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day
Alleluia!*

A New Creation

“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making
everything new!’”

The Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 205:1,3,4,5
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing!” Henry Walford Davies
*Alleluia! O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of heav’n,
the glorious King o’er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their
way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spake unto the
three: ‘Your Lord doth go to Galilee.’ Alleluia!*

*That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord,
most dear, and said, ‘My peace be on all here.’ Alleluia!*

*How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith hath
constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices
raise in laud and jubilee and praise: Alleluia!*

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4

The Sermon: “**SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST**”

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)

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*”

Charles Marie Widor

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Greg Wells, Aaron Good – trumpeters
Perrin Rynders – timpani and percussion
Vocal Quartet, Merle Mustert – director
Kathryn Becksvort – soprano; Renee Vande Wege – alto
Ben VanHouten – tenor; Jason Reiffer – bass
Rachel Rynbrandt – Christ Candle Bearer (8:40 & 11:00)
Pastor Bob Grussing and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Rev. Peter Jonker and Judy Otte – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

*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.

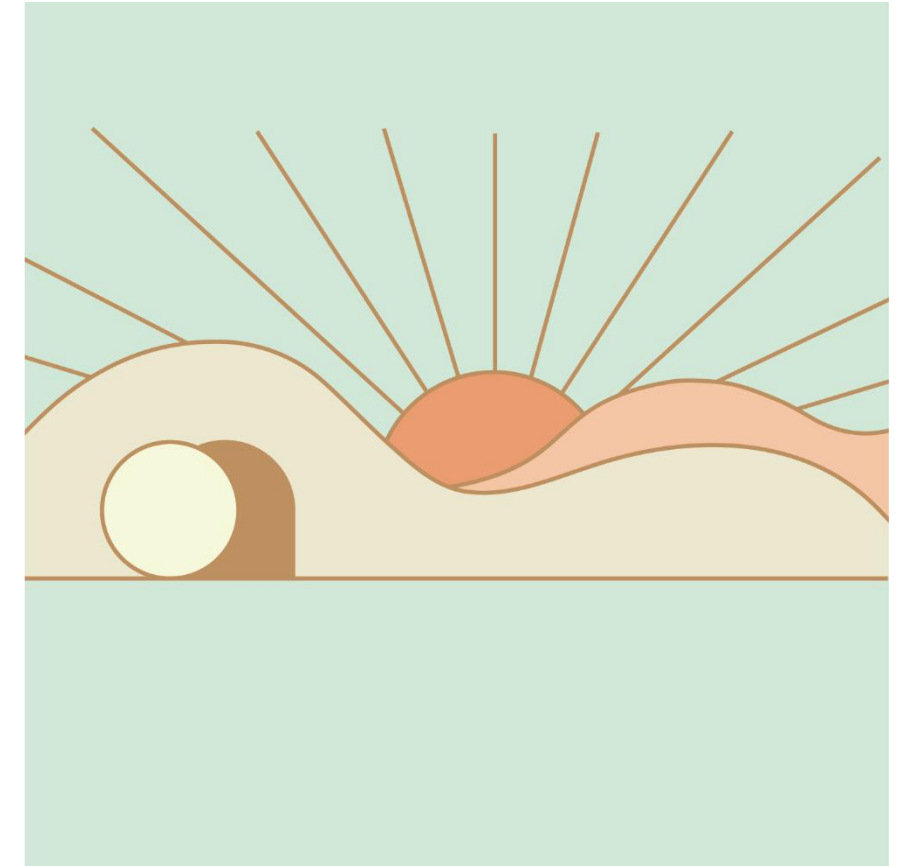
Music at LaGrave

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.



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