**The People’s Response:** Amen.

*The Welcome*

**We Humbly Approach Our God**

The Call to Confession – Matthew 18:1-5

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, we turn to you seeking your mercy. You call us to focus on you, but we focus on ourselves instead. You call us to be humble, but we gloat in our pride. You call us to abandon ourselves, but we cling to our achievements. You invite us to decrease as you increase and to disappear as you become more visible. Forgive us for our boasting and bragging. Help us remember that our true worth comes from you and you alone. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Micah 7:18-19

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 755:1-2*

“Speak, O Lord”

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God Beyond All Praising”

*The Greeting*
*We Go in Peace*

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 684:1,2,4-6
  “There in God’s Garden”

*The Benediction


*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:  
  “Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light)”  Theodore Dubois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Chase & Chad Scholtens – vocalists (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)
Dee DeKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Albert Doorn and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

*Epiphany: The Season from Christmas to Lent*

The liturgical season after Christmastide to Lent is called Epiphany. During this time, we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, we are called to reflect his light in our lives in our neighborhoods and the world.

*Music at LaGrave (8:40)*

The three stanzas of Marty Haugen’s song *Bring Forth the Kingdom* are based on Matthew 5:13, 5:14, and Luke 8:11, respectively. Haugen is a well-known liturgical composer, recording artist, and workshop leader. His over 400 songs often paraphrase Scripture, are lyrical and memorable, and have found their way into many new hymnals. Haugen’s refrain text commands us to “bring forth…pray for…work for the kingdom of God, and hope for the new kingdom.”

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given in loving memory of **Marvin DeWinter**, by his family. “Even so, it is well with my soul.”

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