We Humbly Approach Our God


The Prayer of Confession: O Lord, there is no place that we can go to hide from your sight. If we climb to the highest height, you are there. If we run to the lowest pit, your eyes will see us. We confess our hidden sins. We are guilty of hiding our sins from you, from others, and even from ourselves. Forgive our hidden sins, and cleanse us from our hypocrisy. Free us from the bondage to our self-righteousness, and let our hearts rejoice in your salvation. Teach us to follow you, and we will bear witness to your love and grace. In Christ, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 32:1-2,10-11

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 615 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

*The Confession of Faith: All who are called through the gospel are called earnestly. For urgently and most genuinely God makes known in the Word what is pleasing to him: that those who are called should come to God. God also earnestly promises rest for their souls and eternal life to all who do come and believe. (Canons of Dort III and IV, Article 8) Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God. (John 6:68-69)

*The Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Moment

We Go in Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1, 3-5 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*The Benediction
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 (11:00)
Organist and composer of hymns and anthems, Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) changed the face of children’s choral music in America through her hundreds of pieces, many of which have become classics. Sadly, she died of cancer at the height of her career at age 62. Our elementary choir sings her anthem *Everywhere I Go*, written for Sleeth’s mother. The text assures every child of God that he is with us no matter where we are, always and forever.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of Richard E. Geric, father of Mike and Linda Gerig Hoisington, and grandfather of Joshlyn and Amy Hoisington - who entered his heavenly home on February 8, 2021.

The February special offering is for The Bridge of Arbor Circle (located in Grand Rapids), which offers emergency shelter for youth and additional counseling for the youth and their families.