

March 6 , 2022

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) 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:

“Meditation from *The Light of Life*”

Edward Elgar

“Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord”

Ashley Grote

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 245***

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Genesis 28:10-16

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 518:1,2,4

“Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”

*The Confession:

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd,

Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;

but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community— those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ.

In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, **the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.**

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others

and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 34 & 39

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 356

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”

The Missionary Moment

Gwen Hanna

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will be concluded with singing:

- 1. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**
- 2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the wellspring of life.**

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The Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

The Sermon: **“LOOKING FOR TRANSFIGURATION”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 859
“Be Thou My Vision”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain”

David Cherwien, Gordon Young

Christ, transfigured on the mountain, Christ, who walked the earth to save! Christ, the Son of God in glory, Christ, who took the form of slave! Help the church, your living body, share with you love’s cost and pain; till the world, restored, transfigured, shines with God’s own light again!

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Chaplain Klaas Walhout – guest minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Purple is the color used throughout the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus’ journey to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and a world broken by sin. For believers, it’s a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins to God, in Christ, seeking forgiveness and redemption.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **John Bouma**, our wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. You are deeply missed by all your family. *“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”* Isaiah 40:31

The March special offering is for **Mel Trotter Ministries-** a shelter for individuals with services including: day center, meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, and case management.

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