

**April 3, 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:

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”

Mark C. Jones

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Raymond H. Haan

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Christopher Tambling

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 565

“God Himself Is With Us”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 73:6-24

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 657

“Hear My Cry and Supplication”

*sing verses 1-4 then sing refrain*

\*The Confession:

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God’s rule will be crushed. His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**We long for that day when our bodies are raised,  
the Lord wipes away our tears,  
and we dwell forever in the presence of God.**

**We will take our place in the new creation,  
where there will be no more death or mourning or crying  
or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus,  
come.**

*Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 56-57*

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1,2,4

“When Peace Like a River”

The Pastoral Prayer

*Prayer will be concluded by sung prayer for illumination*

**1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**3. While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me  
spread, be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from  
thee aside.**

*LUYH 426:1,3*

The Scripture: Revelation 21:1-4

The Sermon: **“A COMPELLING VISION”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn:

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

*tune: St. Theoldolph*

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s  
delight. O Jesus, let your Word be a lamp to light my way,  
to show me how to please you, to guide me ev’ry day.**

**Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to  
me. Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace  
in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!**

**You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,  
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.**

**In patient expectation, we live for that great day  
when a renewed creation your glory shall display.**

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”

Charles Ore

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.  
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Rev. Galen Meyer – guest minister

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 by **Carol Gootjes**, in loving memory of **Dick Gootjes**, on his birthday (April 7), praising God eternally with the heavenly chorus.

**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.

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