

## *Easter Sunday*

April 17 – 8:40 & 11:00 AM

### *God Calls Us to Worship*

The Prelude:

“Three Excerpts from *Messiah*” G.F. Handel  
The Trumpet Shall Sound  
Worthy Is the Lamb  
Amen Chorus

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful”  
*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen, our joy, that hath no end.*

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 Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 182:1-4  
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” arr. Terre Johnson  
*Please rise at the director’s cue*  
Introduction  
Verses 1-2: All in harmony  
Interlude  
Verse 3: All in harmony  
Interlude  
Verse 4: All 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 Resurrection Defeats Death**

“... *Where, O Death, is your victory. . .*”

The Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

### **The Resurrection Defeats Sin**

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

The Reading: Romans 6:5-14

The Anthem:  
“Alleluia” Michael Haydn  
*Alleluia.*

### **The Resurrected Lord Speaks**

“... *I was dead, but now look! I am alive forever and ever. . .*”

The Reading: Revelation 1:12-18

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 193:1-3,5,7  
“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:  
“Hilariter” arr. K. Lee Scott  
*Let all the world with joy resound, hilariter, hilariter! For Christ the powers of death cast down, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Throughout the earth his praises sing, hilariter, hilariter! Let all the courts of heaven ring, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The singing birds lift high their voice: hilariter, hilariter! The trees in verdure all rejoice, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The sun more brightly mounts the sky, hilariter, hilariter! To honor him, our Lord most high, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*To God, the Father, Son be given hilariter, hilariter! With Spirit praise, in highest heaven, Alleluia, alleluia! Sing alleluia!*

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The Offering

The Offertory:  
Dance Prelude on *Thine Is the Glory* Kenneth J. Grinnell, Jr.

\*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.**

### *God Speaks to Us*

The Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

The Sermon: “**SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE**”

### *We Respond with Devotion*

\*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 187 arr. Robert A. Hobby  
“Thine Is the Glory”  
*Please rise at the director’s cue*  
Introduction  
Verses 1-2: All in unison  
Interlude  
Verse 3: All 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  
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Greg Wells, Aaron Good – trumpet  
Leah Bouwman – french horn  
Pete Tigchelaar – trombone  
Mark Lago - tuba  
Perrin Rynders – percussion  
Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director  
Glenda Buteyn – assistant director  
Natalie Molenbeek – Christ Candle Bearer (8:40 & 11:00)  
Everett Smith and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Marlene Padding and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

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

**Greg Wells** and **Mark Lago**, both music educators at Northview Public Schools, join several LaGrave instrumentalists in offering the ministry of music this Easter morning. May God bless their gift of music.

### **Music at LaGrave**

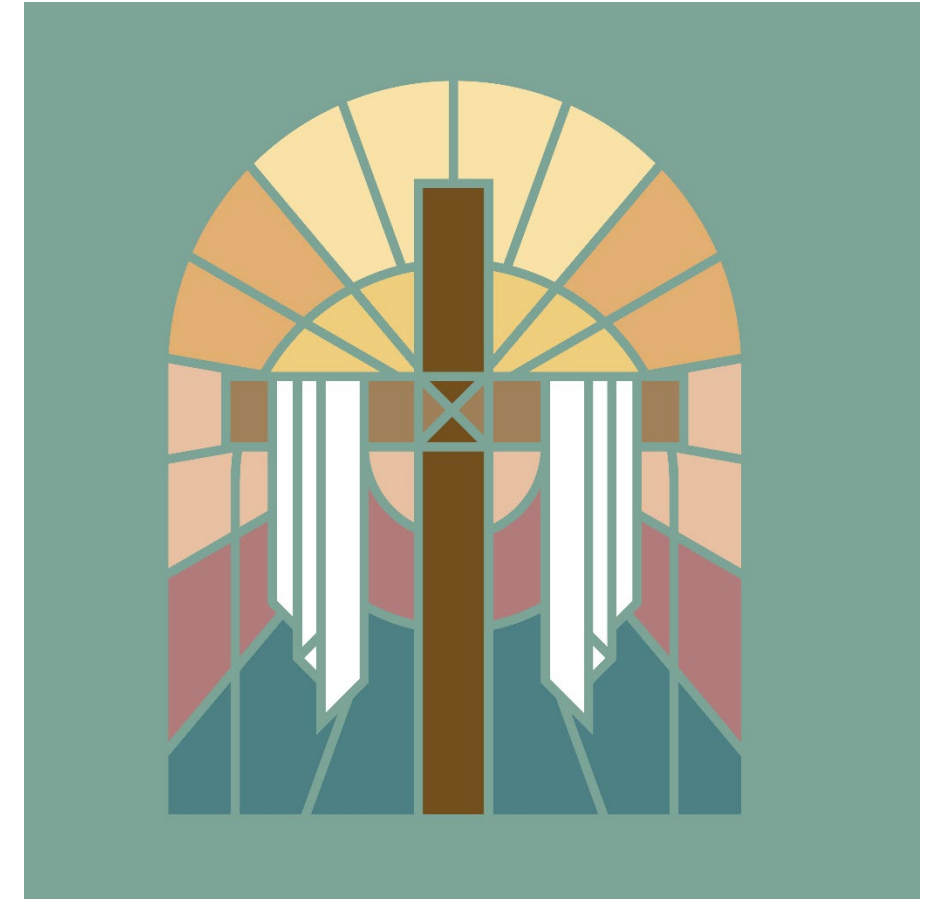
The sheer joy of Easter is proclaimed in the K. Lee Scott anthem *Hilariter*, a Latin word meaning “be joyful!” With a text from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and music combining two 17<sup>th</sup>-century German tunes, the anthem is accentuated with brass fanfares and syncopated “Alleluias.”

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Eve Meeter**. Eve loved her Lord and her LaGrave family very much. Sunday services and camaraderie with the congregation were always the highlight of her week! A Bible verse Eve lived by: "Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."

**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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