

May 15, 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:

“Clothe Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness” Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 832:1,2,4

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Luke 24:25-35

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 207

“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

The Pastoral Prayer

Begins and ends with the singing of

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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The Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-24

The Sermon: **“THE BLOOD OF ABEL”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 809:1,2,4

“Remembering with Love and Hope”

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you that by his blood, Jesus washed away our sin and destroyed the power of death. Through him we receive mercy instead of condemnation, hope instead of despair, life instead of death.

Father, you are the potter, we are the clay. You are making us new creations.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

The Words of Institution

Spoken by the minister

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Communion

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). You may respond to the elder’s words with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far right. Children are welcome to come to a serving station for a blessing from the pastor.

The Communion Songs

Please see insert for communion songs

*The Response of Praise:

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

**and crowns you with love and compassion.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and
strength and honor and glory and praise!**

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Robert Hobby

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Sara Good – organist

The liturgical season of Easter is the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost. The white, gold, and crystals used in the paraments and banners reflect the glory of the resurrection. Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death! Alleluia!

The flowers on the chancel today are placed by **Curt and Ruth Witte** in loving memory of **Rev. Wilmer and Ruth Witte** and their daughter **Gayla**. Those who have shown us the way have made it so much easier for all of us, for which we are eternally grateful. Thanks be to God!

The May Special Offering is for **Safe Haven Ministries**. **Safe Haven Ministries** is a Christ centered ministry, helping prevent and end relationship abuse. Residential and non-residential services are available to individuals and families who have experienced or who are experiencing domestic abuse, human trafficking, and exploitation.

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