

May 8, 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:

“All Praise to You, My God, This Night”
“God’s Time Is the Best”

Richard Purvis
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 532
“Be Still, for the Presence”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 29

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 114:1,2,4,5
“Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures”

*The Confession: Based on Belgic Confession Article 2
How does God speak to his people?

First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe,
since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small,
are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God:

God’s eternal power and divinity.

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

Psalm 19:1-4a

Second, God makes himself known to us more clearly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God’s glory and for our salvation.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16

Both these point to the supremacy of his Son.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. Hebrews 1:1-3a

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 766
“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will be concluded by sung prayer for illumination

Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God.

In you, O Lord, we put our trust. In you, O Lord, we put our trust. In you, O Lord, we put our trust.

Worship & Rejoice 450: 1,3

The Scripture: 1 Kings 19:9-18

The Sermon: **“THE SILENCE OF GOD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 470
“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Benedetto Marcello

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

Tricia Bosma – seminarian
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Jonathan Tuuk – organist

Tonight we welcome guest preacher **Tricia Bosma**. Tricia is a seminarian in her final year at Calvin Theological Seminary. She is also a member of our congregation.

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!

On this Mother's Day, we celebrate the gift of mothers. The flowers today were given in the memory of a mother, grandmother, and wife who is no longer with us. We miss her but know that we will one day be reunited. If you have the chance, hug your mother, thank her for all she does and tell her you love her. Remember to take time to care. **The Glover Family.**

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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