We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Repentance: Philippians 2:1-4

The Prayer of Confession: 
O God of heaven and earth, you emptied yourself of your glory and became a helpless baby in order that you might serve the weak and heal the sick world. Teach us to empty ourselves of pride, and nurture humility that treats others with love. Fill us with the mind of Christ, until we value others more than ourselves. To the glory of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 2:12-13

*The Hymn of Commitment: Worship & Rejoice 391:1,2,4

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony 39

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.

*The Hymn of Response: 
Come, then living church of Jesus, covenant with him anew. Unto him who conquered for us may we pledge our service true. May our lives reflect the brightness of God’s love in Jesus shown. To the world we then bear witness: we belong to God alone.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer
tongues to peaceful language; keep us humble, make us wise.

2. In each place where we are welcomed let our gentleness be known. May our words be always pleasing; may our faithfulness be shown. When our minds dwell upon our failings bring our strengths full into view. Free your healing gift of laughter helping us begin anew.

3. God Creator, Christ Redeemer, hear our praise and grant our prayer. We give voice to our thanksgiving, in this joyful hymn we share. We are joined by common purpose, common faith and common song. Holy Spirit, knit us closer, as our bonds of love grow strong.

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Update from Rev. Hoogeboom

*The Benediction


*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Overture & The Rejoicing from Music for the Royal Fireworks”

G.F. Handel

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Erin Alley – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Jason Reiffer – vocalist
Dee and Perry DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and paraments for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God’s Word.

Music at LaGrave

Ubi Caritas et Amor (Where Charity and Love Prevail) is an ancient hymn of the Western Church, the text and tune originating in the 8th or 9th century. It was traditionally sung for the foot washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday. Many choral composers have been attracted to the beautiful chant melody, including French composer Maurice Duruflé. This morning the chant tune is heard in Raymond Haan’s meditative organ arrangement in the prelude and an English translation of the text set to a familiar hymn tune sung as the introit.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in gratitude from the Planned Giving Committee to thank all who have remembered loved ones through contributions to the Planned Giving Committee or who have graciously thought to remember the Planned Giving Committee via estate gifts. “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11

The special offering for the month of August is for Home Repair Services of West Michigan. They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

This evening, Rev. Peter Jonker will lead us in the sacrament of communion.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live