

February 19, 2023

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:

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Michael Burkhardt, Keith Kolander, Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 1:21-31

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 626

“Cast Down, O God, the Idols”

*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 1
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious

blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 582:1,3,4

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing:

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture’s page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

3. O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light as of old. O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

LUYH 757:1,3

The Scripture: Isaiah 12 (p.1079)

The Sermon: **“THE WELLS OF SALVATION”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 572:1,2,4,5

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Paul Laubengayer

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

Rev. Laura Smit – guest minister
Erin Alley – liturgist
Sara Good – organist

Rev. Laura Smit is our guest minister this evening. She is a professor of religion at Calvin University.

Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent. During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighborhoods and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of our son **Jack Boerema** and parents **Jack & Betty Boerema**. We miss you every day and love you very much. **Norman and Terri Boerema.**

The February special offering is for Wedgwood Christian Services which provides youth services, residential treatment, foster care, independent living, in-home intervention, outpatient counseling and prevention – “helping troubled kids discover lives filled with meaning and purpose.”

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