

February 26, 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:

“O, Man, Weep for Your Great Sin”
“Lift High the Cross”

J.S. Bach
Donald Busarow

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 507
“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Genesis 22:11-18

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 852
“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

*The Confession: Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 41
**Joining the mission of God,
the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom
to call everyone to know and follow Christ**

**and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of
Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who
repent and believe.**

**The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission
in their neighborhoods and in the world:
to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger, clothe the naked,
care for the sick, and free the prisoner.
We repent of leaving this work to a few,
for this mission is central to our being.**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 206:1,2,4,5
“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing:

**1. Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God.**

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

W&R 450:1,3

The Scripture: Acts 19:23-41 (p.1725)

The Sermon: “**A PUBLIC FAITH**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 925
“Go to the World”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Go to the World”

Robert A. Hobby

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Elizabeth West – organist

Purple is the color used throughout the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus’ journey to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and a world broken by sin. For believers, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins to God, in Christ, seeking forgiveness and redemption.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Andrea Dekker**. They are given with gratitude for the love and joy she shared **with Grace, Max, Anne, Sara, Jeff and Don Dekker.**

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.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

