

March 12, 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:

“Have Mercy on Us, God Most High”

Robert J. Powell

“A Gaelic Improvisation”

Charles Callahan

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

David Cherwien

“Come, You Disconsolate”

Albin C. Whitworth

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 237

“Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 130

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 632

“Remember Not, O God”

*The Confession:

What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

What does the fifth petition of the Lord’s Prayer mean?

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” means:

Because of Christ’s blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us.

Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56 and 126

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 690

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by sung prayer of illumination

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

LUYH 747

The Scripture: Deuteronomy 9:6-18, Matthew 18:20-21

The Sermon: **“REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 614

“Come, You Disconsolate”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major”

J.S. Bach

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. 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 March special offering is for God’s Kitchen. God’s Kitchen is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They provide noon-time meals, serving people in downtown Grand Rapids as well as six sponsored sites throughout West Michigan.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

