

March 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:

“All Praise to You, My God, This Night” Richard Purvis
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Martha Lynn Thompson
“Fairest Lord Jesus” Charles Maggs

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1-4
“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

*The Welcome and Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Song of Adoration: Lift Up Your Hearts 492:1-3
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 492:4
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

The Ministry Moment: Justin Van Zee

The Call to Prayer: Philippians 4:6-7

The Pastoral Prayer

*Prayer begins with verse 1 of “I Need Thee Every Hour”
and concludes with verse 4.*

Verse 1:

**I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.**

Refrain:

**I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;
oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

Verse 4:

**I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. Refrain**

LUYH 322:1,4

The Scripture: John 13:1-17 (p. 1673)

The Sermon: **“AVAILABLE AND VULNERABLE”**

The Prayer of Response

concluded by singing “Make Me a Servant”

**Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

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*The Words of Sending: (from Ephesians 2:3-8)

In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
**did not consider equality
with God something to cling to;**
rather, he made himself nothing
**by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**
And being found in appearance as a man,
**he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!**

*The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 580**
“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Fanfare in D”

Jacques Lemmens

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

Chad Boorsma – minister
Jonathan Tuuk – organist
Bells Gloria, Trish Brummel – director

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 in memory of Gerald Steele, remembered with love by The Steele and Doezema Family.

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.

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