

March 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.

Prelude:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	arr. Larry Visser
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	arr. John G. Barr
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	arr. Randolph Currie
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	John G. Barr
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”	arr. Lloyd Larson

*Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 897

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Greeting

Words of Welcome

Bible Reading: Revelation 5:6-10

Meditation: “Filling the Golden Bowl”

Response: “Down to the River to Pray” David L. Mennicke

Refrain 1: *As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol’ way and who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!*

Oh, sisters, let’s go down, come on down. Oh sisters, let’s go down in the river to pray.

Refrain 2: *As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol’ way and who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord, show me the way!*

Oh, brothers, let’s go down, come on down. Oh, brothers, let’s go down, down in the river to pray. (Refrain 1)

Oh, fathers, let’s go down, come on down. Oh, fathers, let’s go down, down in the river to pray. (Refrain 2)

Oh, mothers, let’s go down, come on down. Oh, mothers, let’s go down, down in the river to pray. (Refrain 1)

Oh, sinners, let’s go down, come on down. Oh, sinners, let’s go down, down in the river to pray. (Refrain 2)

Oh, children, let’s go down, come on down. Oh, children, let’s go down, down in the river to pray.

The Prayers of the People

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Led by Peter Jonker and Isabella Redder

Before the prayer, you are invited to bring forward your praises and your thanksgivings. Fill out the praise card in your bulletin and then bring it to the front, placing it in one of the offering plates on either side of the center aisle. As you come forward, come up the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. Because of the stairs, we have kept the front pew vacant. You can walk across the chancel to the side aisle down that row.

*Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 559

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

Prayers of Intercession (Prayer for God’s Help)

Prayers for the Sick and Hurting Led by Kristy Manion
Prayer concludes with a time of silence followed by singing, Lift Up Your Hearts 896

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers for our Neighbors Led by Sue Pastoor
Prayer concludes with a time of silence followed by singing:

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers for Needs Around the World Led by Len VanDrunen
Prayer concludes with a time of silence followed by singing:

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers for our Personal Needs Led by Jolene DeHeer
Prayer concludes with a time of silence followed by singing:

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

*Anthem:

“The Lord’s Prayer” Ruth Elaine Schram
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Provide us every day a portion of daily bread. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to forgive each other.

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Lead us from temptation, deliver us from sin and wrong. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

based on Matthew 6:9-13. Adapted by Ruth Elaine Schram.
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We Go Out to Serve

*Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 129

What does that little word “Amen” express?

**“Amen” means: This shall truly and surely be!
It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer
than that I really desire what I pray for.**

*Closing Songs:

Lift Up Your Hearts 387:1,3

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended”

Lift Up Your Hearts 938

“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

*Benediction

*Postlude:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Charles One

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Norah Hollenbach, Preston Hollenbach, Ike Schaap, Audrey Schaap –
prelude organists

Ruth Bylsma and Amber Schaap – flutists

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director

3-6 Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director

7-12 Choir, Trish Brummel – director

Elsie Fletcher, Miriam Fletcher, Evelyn Holford, Kate Kuiper, Libbie
Kuiper, Maddie Kuiper, Annika Plantinga, Julia Plantinga, Mia Redder –
liturgical dancers

Julia Fletcher – pianist, liturgical dance choreographer

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