

April 2, 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:

“Variations on *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*”
“Aria”

Franklin D. Ashdown
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 46
“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 61

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 23
“Children of the Heavenly Father”

*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**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 Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 405:1-3,5,6
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The Pastoral Prayer

Concluded by the sung prayer of illumination

Verse 1:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I
call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my
prayer; come and listen to me.**

Verse 2:

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope
comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my
praise. God, the well spring of life.**

LUYH 903 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

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The Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

The Sermon: **“HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 439
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Love, How Deep”

Benjamin Culli

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

Rev. Duane Kelderman – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

Rev. Duane Kelderman is a retired minister in the Christian Reformed Church. In addition to serving several churches in the denomination, he also served as vice president of Calvin Theological Seminary.

PALM SUNDAY marks the beginning of the last week of Jesus’ life on earth. Purple, the color of royalty, used in the paraments and banners symbolizes the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palm branches symbolize the greeting the people gave Jesus, the King.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise of Grand Rapids**. Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

