

April 16, 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:

"Let All Things Now Living"

Frank Stoldt

"Three Chorale Preludes on *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*"

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5

"Let All Things Now Living"

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Missionary Moment

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 904:1,2,5

"Lord, Make Us Servants"

The Ordination of Tricia Bosma

The Introduction

The Instruction

The Vows

The Ordination

The ordination concludes with these words:

May God, who has called you to this great and glorious office, enlighten, strengthen, and govern you by the Word and Spirit so that you may serve faithfully and fruitfully in your ministry, to the glory of God's name and the coming of the kingdom of the Son, Jesus Christ.

The congregation sings:

- 1. Breathe on her, Breath of God, fill her with life anew, that she may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**
- 2. Breathe on her, Breath of God, until her heart is pure, until her will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

The Promises of the Congregation

The Charge

The Prayer

*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 Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and
ever shall be, world with our end. Amen. Amen.**

LUYH 959

The Pastoral Prayer

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 749

"Spirit of the Living God"

God Speaks to us Through His Word

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

The Sermon: **"LIVING LETTERS"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Michael Burkhardt

The Drawing of Names for Elder and Deacon

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

Chaplain Rev. Erika Dekker – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Chaplain Rev. Karl VanHarn
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Bob and Harriet Hasper** with gratitude to God as they celebrate 70 years of marriage today.

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