

**April 30, 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:

"Clothe Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness" Raymond Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 832:1,2,4  
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Luke 24:25-35

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 207  
"Come to Us, Beloved Stranger"

The Pastoral Prayer (*concluded by singing*)

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I  
seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy  
Word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live  
with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are  
love.**

LUYH 764:1,3

The Scripture: Romans 8:12-27

The Sermon: **"ALREADY; NOT YET"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,2,4  
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

### *We Celebrate the Lord's Supper*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus**

**Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and  
resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you that by his blood, Jesus washed away our sin and destroyed the power of sin. Through him we receive mercy instead of condemnation, hope instead of despair, life instead of death.

**Father, we praise you for your Holy Spirit who is bringing  
our new self to birth, changing us from  
one degree of glory to the next.**

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

The Words of Institution

*Spoken by the minister*

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Communion

*Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). You may respond to the elder's words with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far right. Children are welcome to come to a serving station for a blessing from the pastor.*

The Communion Songs

*see insert*

\*The Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, my soul;  
**all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**  
Praise the Lord, my soul,  
**and forget not all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the pit

**and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

\*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 704:3,4***

“We Meet as Friends at Table”

**We share our lives and longings, and when the meal is done we pray as friends at table, and promise to be one. To Christ, and to each other, we cheerfully belong: apart, our hope is fruitless; together, we are strong.**

**Fulfilled, and glad to follow wherever Christ may lead, we journey from the table to love a world in need with patience, truth and kindness, that justice may increase and all may sit at table in freedom, joy, and peace.**

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\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

"At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Robert Hobby

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Sara Good – organist

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Joady Hoekstra**, the **John Schat family** and the **Jon VanHekken family** in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, **Jim Hoekstra.**

**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.

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