

November 12, 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

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Gilbert Martin
“O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded” D. Buxtehude, ed. Dennis Elliot
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”
Cameroon Processional Song arr. Ralph M. Johnson
Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 585
“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 65

The Anthem:

“Cantate Domino” Nancy Hill Cobb
Cantate Domino canticum novum: cantate Domino omnis terra, cantate Domino, benedicite nomini ejus: Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus: in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus. Quoniam magnus dominum et laudabilis nimis.

English translation:
Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name. Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all people. For the Lord is great and great to be praised. Psalm 96:1-4

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Give Ear Unto Me” Benedetto Marcello
Give ear unto me, Lord, I beseech thee, for I have walked in thy commandments. Let me be judged with righteous judgment, O let my sentence, come from thy presence.

O show thy loving kindness, thy marvelous loving kindness, O thou that art the Savior of them that trust in thee. from Psalm 17

The Scripture: Acts 2:37-47

The Sermon: “GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 871:1,2,4,5
“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper – *See Insert*

The Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine

During the Lord’s Supper distribution

The Choir Sings:

The Communion Anthem:

“Behold The Lamb” arr. Douglas Nolan
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember he drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: “Christ will come again!” And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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The Congregation Sings:

Songs of Communion

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Lift Up Your Hearts 175

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o’er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1,4

*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: Lift Up Your Hearts 933
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Wilbur Held

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

Dr. Laura Smit – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Dr. Rob Hobgood– organist, pianist
Calvin University Campus Choir, Dr. James Borst – director

Tonight we welcome **Dr. Laura Smit to our pulpit.** Laura is a professor of Religion at Calvin University and a frequent guest minister here at LaGrave.

The Calvin University Campus Choir under the direction of Dr. James Borst provides our ministry of music this evening. We welcome this choir and thank them for their participation in worship.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in honor, gratitude and thanks to my caring, thoughtful, LaGrave Church Family by **Paul Wright.** "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, who work in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help

rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

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