

January 28, 2024

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:

“Chorale Fantasia on *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*”

Dietrich Buxtehude

“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

Wayne L. Wold

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship:

People of God, we come with hearts of worship.

“God is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.”

We confess with our mouths, **“Jesus is Lord.”**

We believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

And we know that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

So let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
**confessing him with our mouths, worshipping him in spirit
and in truth.”**

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 515:1,4-6

“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1,2,4,5

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*The Confession of Faith:

**Jesus Christ rules over all.
To follow this Lord is
to serve him wherever we are
without fitting in,
light in darkness,
salt in a spoiling world.**

We obey God first;

we respect the authorities that rule,

for they are established by God:

we pray for our rulers,

and we work to influence governments—

resisting them only when Christ and conscience demand.

We are thankful for the freedoms

enjoyed by citizens of many lands;

we grieve with those who live under oppression,

and we seek for them the liberty to live without fear.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 43 and 52

*The Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 465:1,3,4

“In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

The Moment for Missions

Rev. Mike Ribbens

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-17 (p. 1888)

The Sermon: **“FOREIGNERS AND EXILES”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 926

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“My Song Forever Shall Record”

William Lloyd Webber

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

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent. During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighborhoods and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of our dear mom, mother-in-law, sister and grandmother **Linda Nagel**. She entered into glory five years ago this month. *The Nagel Family*

The January special offering is for **Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF)** which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

