February 4, 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:

"Prelude on How Firm a Foundation" Gilbert Martin, David Cherwien
"Prelude on The Lord's Mv Shepherd" Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship:

*The Opening Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 513</u> "It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 30

The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 668</u> "I Worship You, O Lord"

*The Confession of Faith: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 771</u>

"The Nicene Creed 1"

*The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 262</u> "I Love to Tell the Story"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Sung Prayer for Illumination: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 764:1,3,4</u> "Break Now the Bread of Life"

The Scripture: Ephesians 1-2 (p. 1814)

The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN IDENTITY: IN CHRIST"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 772</u> "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: Amen.

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"A Mighty Fortress"

David Cherwien

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

> Rev. Dr. Tim Berends – guest minister Dr. Rob Hobgood – 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 February special offering is for The Bridge. The Bridge is part of Arbor Circle, which offers emergency shelter for youths, and additional counseling for youths and their families.

Livestreaming worship is available at <u>lagrave.org/live</u>