

March 10, 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:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Michael Burkhardt

“Three Settings on Genevan Psalm 98: ‘Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God’” Benjamin Culli, Michael Burkhardt, Robert Buckley Farlee

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 22

“Rejoice, You Righteous in the Lord”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 369

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

*The Confession:

God holds this world with fierce love.

Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,

pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:

sinner who repent and believe in Jesus

live anew as members of the family of God—

the firstfruits of a new creation.

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,

we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in the world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Our world belongs to you.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 5 & 6

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 566

“Give Praise to Our Good”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer concluded by singing:

Lord, my petition heed, now help me in my need, or else I

die. I am your servant, Lord; my trust is in your word.

Mercy to me accord; to you I cry.

Lord, hear me when I pray; in every troubled day I seek your face. O Lord, you far outshine the gods of our design; most bright your glories shine, O God of grace.

Lead me to do your will, in me your truth instill, teach me your word. I will give thanks to you, your praise I will pursue; all glory be to you, O Lord my God!

LUYH 889:1,3,5

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The Scripture: Luke 22:35-38 (p. 1639)

The Sermon: **“THE TWO SWORDS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 167

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” Healey Willan

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

The liturgical season of Lent is the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

The sackcloth permeated with ashes against the royal purple cloth symbolize the suffering and sorrow that Jesus the King bore for the sin in our broken world and our own lives. And it reminds us of our need for humble self-examination and sorrowful repentance before God.

The March special offering is for Mel Trotter Ministries.

Mel Trotter Ministries provides shelter for individuals and families with services including: meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, case management.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

