

March 24, 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:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Dan Forrest

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

J.S. Bach

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded.
High over all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

*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: Exodus 12:14-20

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 824:1,3,5,6

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*The Confession:

In our world where many journey alone,
nameless in the bustling crowd,
Satan and his evil forces

seek whom they may scatter and isolate;
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ,
gathers a new community —
those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ.

**In the new community
all are welcome:
the homeless come home,
the broken find healing,
the sinner makes a new start,
the despised are esteemed,
the least are honored,
and the last are first.
Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.**

The church is the fellowship of those
who confess Jesus as Lord.
She is the bride of Christ,
his chosen partner,
**loved by Jesus and loving him:
delighting in his presence,
seeking him in prayer—
silent before the mystery of his love.**

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 34 & 35

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 254:1,3,4,5

“For All the Saints”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer will conclude with singing:

**Here our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

LUYH 884

The Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 1538)

The Sermon: **“THE KING’S BANQUET”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 832

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

*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 J. Powell

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist, pianist

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the last week of Jesus’ life on earth. Purple, the color of royalty, and the palm branches used in the paraments and banners symbolize the triumphant entry of Jesus the King of kings into Jerusalem.

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

