

April 21, 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:

“Prayer”

Jean Langlais

“Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth”

Paul Manz, J.S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 549
“O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Matthew 6:5-15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 618:1,3,4,5
“Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart”

*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism 116 & 117
Why do Christians need to pray?

**Because prayer is the most important part
of the thankfulness God requires of us.
And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit
only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly,
asking God for these gifts
and thanking God for them.**

What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

**First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word,
asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.
Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery,
so that we humble ourselves in God’s majestic presence.
Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation:
even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 897
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

The Ministry Moment – Zuni Christian School

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded with singing: (sing twice, the second time a cappella)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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The Scripture: Mark 14:32-42 (p.1583)

The Sermon: **“WHEN OUR PRAYER SEEMS
UNANSWERED”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 407
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Trumpet Tune”

Charles Callahan

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – organist

The flowers on the chancel today are given in memory of **Rev. James Molenbeek** who went to be with Jesus on April 20, 2022. Jim had many interests, hobbies and served his Lord throughout his Ministry and after. He is lovingly remembered as a Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Cousin and Friend. He is dearly missed by his family **Sue Molenbeek, Dan, Julie, Natalie and Megan Molenbeek, Matthew and Victoria Molenbeek.** We believe the promises of the Easter Resurrection and we will be with him again someday.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise**, who partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

