

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

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:

“Fantasy on *Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Piet Post

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: based on Psalm 47 and Psalm 93

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy!

How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praise to our King, sing praise.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

*The Opening Hymn: *Worship & Rejoice 100*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Hebrews 2:5-10

The Hymn: *Worship & Rejoice 339*

“The Head That Once Was Crowned”

*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 46, 49

Q: What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

A: **That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

Q: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

A: **First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.**

*The Hymn: *Worship & Rejoice 335:1,3,5*

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Zephaniah 3:8-20 (p.1471)

Colossians 3:1-10 (p.1831)

The Message: **“GOD IN YOUR MIDST”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: *Lift Up Your Hearts 210*

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Fanfare”

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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

Rev. Laura Smit – guest minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **William Stroo, Tom and Heidi Glover, Hannah Glover, Hillary and Dirk Tanis, and Dirk and Maria Glover**, in loving memory of **Marilyn Stroo**, wife, mother, and grandmother. Today, on Mother's Day, make sure you tell the women that are important to you how much you appreciate and love them. Prov. 31:30.

The May special offering is for **Safe Haven Ministries**. Safe Haven Ministries is a shelter providing counseling, support groups, case management and legal advocacy for domestically abused women and children.

