

**May 5, 2024**

*Graduate Recognition Service*

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 5:30 PM**

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.*

The Prelude:

“Crown Imperial Coronation March”  
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

William Walton  
David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 43:1-5

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 427: 1,2,5

“How Firm a Foundation”

\*The Confession: *Our World Belongs to God*: para 2 & 12

From the beginning, through all crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:

**Our world belongs to God!**

God is King:

**Let the earth be glad!**

Christ is Victor:

**his rule has begun!**

The Spirit is at work:

**creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

Even now, as history unfolds in ways we know only in part,

**we are assured that God is with us in our world, holding all things in tender embrace and bending them to his purpose.**

The confidence that the Lord is faithful gives meaning to our days and hope to our years.

**The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.**

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 743

“O God, You Are My God”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Exodus 3:11-14 (p.89)

The Message: **“READY OR NOT”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859

“Be Thou My Vision”

The Recognition of Our Seniors

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 938

“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

*Sing twice. Please move to the center aisle and hold hands with your neighbor. Raise your hands during the chorus.*

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Pomp and Circumstance Military March” Edward Elgar

*Please remain seated as our Seniors exit first down the center aisle. They will be in a receiving line in the Narthex following the service. We encourage you to greet and congratulate them!*

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

Rachel Thorne – speaker  
Scott Albers, Aaron Faber, Rev. Kristy Manion,  
Chad Medema, Bethany Stacey, Paul Stephenson – liturgists  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

**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.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)

