

## January 19, 2025

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:

“Song of Thankfulness and Praise”

Charles Callahan, Wilbur Held, Robert Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 104

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Joel 2:12-18a

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 655

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

The Promise of Restoration: Joel 2:21-24

\*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:  
sinners 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.**

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 690

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

The Pastoral Prayer

*Concluded by singing Lift Up Your Hearts 747*

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

The Scripture: Luke 3:15-23a (p.1596)

The Sermon: **“JESUS REPENTS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 356

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God”

Michael Joseph

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

Rev. Bob Arbogast – guest minister  
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist  
Sara Good – organist

**Rev. Bob Arbogast** leads the Celebration Fellowship Church, which meets at Handlon Prison in Ionia. His prison ministry is one of our sponsored ministries.

**Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent.** During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighbors and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

**The flowers on the chancel** today are given in loving memory of our dear mom, mother-in-law, sister and grandmother, **Linda Nagel**. She entered into glory six years ago this month. *The Nagel Family*

**The January special offering** is for **Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF)** which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

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