

March 9, 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:

“I Am the Holy Vine”

Michael Burkhardt

“There in God’s Garden”

K. Lee Scott

“Beautiful Savior”

Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 513

“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8, John 15:1-8

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 684:1,2,5,6

“There in God’s Garden”

*The Confession:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 363

“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will conclude by singing:

Lift Up Your Hearts 664

“I Need Your Help, O Lord My God”

**I need your help, O Lord my God; do not ignore my plea.
For I am restless and distraught; O hear and answer me.
If I had wings, I’d fly away into the wilderness to find a
quiet, sheltered place where I could be at rest.**

**Long as I live and troubles rise, my God, on you I’ll call.
You hold the righteous in your arms, you will not let them
fall.**

**I cast my cares upon you, Lord, you give me strength anew.
You see me through each anxious day; my God, I trust in
you.**

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The Scripture: Matthew 13:33-35 (p.1522)

The Sermon: **“THE PARABLE OF THE YEAST”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 856

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”

J.S. Bach

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

Lent is the liturgical season beginning with Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The ash-permeated sackcloth reminds us of our human mortality and our need for repentance and reconciliation with God. The ash sackcloth against the royal purple cloth symbolizes the suffering and sorrow that Jesus the King bore for the sin in our broken world and our own lives.

The flowers on the chancel today are dedicated to **Harry and Helen Boersma** in honor of their love and dedication to the Lord and their family. We miss them. **Matt and Jaclyn Alcumbrack Family**

The March special offering is for **God’s Kitchen**. God’s Kitchen is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They served over 175,000 meals to people downtown Grand Rapids last year.

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