



Evening Worship

April 27, 2025 | 6:00 PM

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Order of Worship

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Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship with a
time of prayer and meditation

Welcome to worship at LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Please follow this order of worship carefully as worship proceeds without announcement. There are **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 you are here.

The Prelude:

"Partita on Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

John Eggert

"Four Variations on Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

The Introit:

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Jay Rouse

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach
me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above! Praise his
name! I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.*

*Hither to thy love has blessed me, thou hast brought me to this place; and
I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace. Jesus
sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he to rescue
me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy
goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander,
Lord I feel it—prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and
seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy
great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in
wonder, love and praise. Come thou fount of every blessing!*

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 81: 1-2, Ephesians 5: 19-20, Revelation 15: 2-3

The Meditation: ***“Singing our Faith”***

The Anthems:

Creation: “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.

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Fall: “Take Me to the River”

Kirby Shaw

Take me to the river, wash my sins away. Take me to the river, help me find my way.

*Now the River Jordan is chilly and cold! It chills my body, but not my soul!
The water's deep, and the water's wide, but Lord, I'm gonna make it to the other side!*

*Now when I stumble and when I fall, and when my back is against the wall,
Lord, you hear me when I call. Lord, you're my light, my All in all!*

Take me to the river, wash my sins away. Take me to the river, help me find my way. I said “Take me, Lord! Take me to the river, wash my sins away. Help me find my way.” Wash my sins away, Lord!

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Redemption: “Agnus Dei /How Great Thou Art”

arr. Joel Raney

Alleluia. For the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, you are holy, holy, are you, Lord God Almighty. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder; thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee. How great thou, how great thou art! Amen.

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“Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

arr. Mark Hayes

I'm a poor wayfaring stranger, traveling through this world alone. There is no sickness, no toil nor danger in that fair land to which I go. I'm goin' home to see my mother. I'm going home no more to roam. I'm just a goin' over Jordan. I'm just a goin' over home. I know that dark clouds will hover o'er me. I know my pathway is rough and steep. But golden fields lie out before me where weary eyes no more will weep. I'm goin' home to see my father. I'm goin' home, no more to roam. I'm just a-goin' home over Jordan. I'm just a-goin' over home. I'm goin' home to see my mother. I'm goin' home, no more to roam. I have no place to roam, I'm just a-goin' over Jordan. I'm just a-goin' over home.

Consummation: "Fly Away Home"

arr. Mary McDonald

This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through; my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore. O Lord, you know I have no friend like you; if heaven's not my home, then, Lord, what will I do? The angels beckon me from heaven's open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Some glad mornin' when this life is o'er, I'll fly away to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away, O yes, I'll fly away! I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away! When I die hallelujah, by and by, O yes, I'll fly away!

In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore! O Lord, you know I have no friend like you; if heaven's not my home, then, Lord, what will I do? The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore! Yeah!

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Concluding Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Fanfare"

Jacques Lemmens

Rev. Peter Jonkerminister

Norma de Waal Malefytorganist

NorthPointe Christian High School Chorale, Lisa Spangler..... director

Sahara Shaffer, Bruce Lyu.....accompanists

We welcome the **Chorale** from **NorthPointe Christian High School** to worship this evening. In addition to presenting concerts on campus, the Chorale offers their musical gifts in worship services at several churches in the greater Grand Rapids area. LaGrave member Jude Scholten is a current member of the Chorale. May God bless the music ministry of these young people.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Joady Hoekstra**, the **John Schat family** and the **Jon VanHekken family** in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, **Jim Hoekstra**.

The April special offering is for Family Promise.