



Evening Worship

May 4, 2025 | 5:30 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:

“Crown Imperial Coronation March”

William Walton

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship: based on Psalm 95

Come, everyone, let’s sing to the Lord. Let us tell the world that God has saved us. Let us sing songs of praise to him.

**If today we hear God’s voice in our hearts,
we must follow it.**

Come, let us bow down before our God. Let us kneel before the Lord who made us. He is our God. We are his people. He loves us.

**If today we hear God’s voice in our hearts,
we must follow it.**

Today, if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it. Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did when everything didn’t go the way they expected it to.

**If today we hear God’s voice in our hearts,
we must follow it.**

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 509

“Come, Worship God”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: John 16: 7, 12-15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 745

"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"

*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 first fruits of a new creation.

Going before them and with them, the Spirit convinces the world of sin and pleads the cause of Christ.

Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace – every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.

Our World Belongs to God paragraphs 5 & 30b

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 440: 1,3,4

"He Leadeth Me"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Acts 8: 26-40, *concluded with*

Minister: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Message: **"Led by the Spirit"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 946

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

The Recognition of Seniors

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 938

“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

Sing twice

Please turn toward the center aisle and hold hands over the pews 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 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!

Rachel Thorneminister of youth

Rev. Kristy Manion..... liturgist

Morgan Busscher, Josh Manion

Kayla Rearick, Bethany Stacey participants

Dr. Larry Visser organist

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Riley and Barbara Swinehart** in loving memory of their great-granddaughter, **Rosemary Lynn Lamoreaux**, their parents **Cornie and Beatrice Pape, Floyd and Virginia Swinehart**, and Barb’s sister, **Marilyn Guikema**.

The May special offering is for In The Image. Family In The Image operates a “Free” Store in the Burton Heights neighborhood, providing new or gently used items such as clothes, household goods/bedding/furniture/toys.

Copies of the Announcements and Prayer Concerns are available on the Welcome Center.

Congratulations Graduates!

Middle School:

Mia Ackerman, Calvin Christian
Eleanor Borgman, Calvin Christian
Liam Broene, West Side Christian
Nora Christner, Hudsonville Christian
John De Waal Malefyt, Hudsonville Christian
Ed Doezema, Grand Rapids Christian
Zander Elenbaas, Grand Rapids Christian
Kacie Hollebeek, Calvin Christian
Evan Hollenbach, Northpointe Christian
Norah Hollenbach, Homeschool
Asher Konyndyk, Ada Christian
Madie Kuiper, Forest Hills Eastern
Brinn Kuipers, Grand Rapids Christian
Penelope Redder, Grand Rapids Christian
Ike Schaap, Northpointe Christian
Kashton Trathen, Northpointe Christian
Hannah VandeGriend, Grand Rapids Christian
Collins Veldkamp, Grand Rapids Christian
Ellisyn Verploegh, Hudsonville Christian

High School:

Deacon Broene, Unity Christian
Ella Busscher, Calvin Christian
Bradley Buter, Grand Rapids Christian
Taylor Cole, South Christian
Max Dekker, Grand Rapids Christian
Abimael Diaz, Grand Rapids Christian
Sien (Luke) Heng, Grand Rapids Christian
Everett Hoekzema Smith, The Potter's House
Michael McMartin, Jenison
Natalie Molenbeek, Grand Rapids Christian
Seth Ondersma, Jenison
Martin Postma, Homeschool
Alex Roberts, Unity Christian

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Caden Trathen, Northpointe Christian
Ellie VandeGriend, Grand Rapids Christian
Lily VanderVelde, Grand Rapids Christian
Molly Versluis, Unity Christian

Bachelor's Degree:

Sarah Bour, Calvin University
Psychology; Special Education minor
Allison Gates, Calvin University
B.S. Business Analytics; B.A. Communications
Maya Gates, University of Michigan
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Maddie Knoor, Michigan State University
B.A. Marketing; Real Estate minor
Ethan Koeman, Calvin University
B.S. Engineering: Mechanical Concentration
Mara Konyndyk, Calvin University
Early Childhood & Elementary Education
Kaitlyn McMartin, Hope College
Business; Art minor
Carissa Springvloed, Calvin University
Finance & Accounting; Entrepreneurship minor
Kate Versluis, Grand Valley State University
B.S.W. (Bachelor of Social Work)
Annika Watson, Wheaton College
Environmental Science; French minor

Advanced Degree:

Ryan Gelderloos, University of Missouri
M.A. Economics
Grant Mensonides, Calvin Theological Seminary
Master of Divinity
Christopher Visser, MSU Collage of Osteopathic Medicine
Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine
Abigail Watson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
M.S. Information & Library Science

Sermon Notes

