LaGrave Avenue
Christian Reformed Church

Evening Worship

April 13, 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:
"Selected Movements from *Sonata I for Flute, Violin and Cello*"
George Frederic Handel

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531
"God, You Call Us to This Place"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,3,5
"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"

*The Confession:
How are you righteous before God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's
commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will conclude by singing:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the wellspring of life.

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The Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-9 (p.480)

The Sermon: ***"Mephibosheth and the Power of Forgiveness"***

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 691
"Amazing Grace"

*The Benediction

The Moment for Missions

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Robert Hebble

Rev. Peter Gordon ..... guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker ..... liturgist
Dr. Rob Hobgood ..... organist
Laura Muresan ..... flute
Julie Bowden ..... violin
Calin Muresan ..... cello

The flowers on the chancel: Today, we remember **Nancy Buning,** our mom and grandma. It been almost one year since we said goodbye, but her memory lives on in our hearts. She was a truly special person, and we miss her dearly. **Kristin, Joe, Ashleigh, Trent and Gavin Ponstein**

The April special offering is for Family Promise. Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

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