



Evening Worship

February 8, 2026 | 6:00 PM



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. .
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.

Prelude:

"Arioso"

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Beautiful Savior"

David Cherwien

"Andante" from London Trio No. 1

Joseph Haydn

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship – Psalm 96: 8-13

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,2,4,7,8

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Mark 2: 1-12

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 897

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*The Confession: Belgic Confession Article 27

We believe and confess one catholic or universal Church—
a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers,
awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by
his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

This Church has existed from the beginning of the world and

will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

And this holy Church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small to human eyes—as though it were snuffed out. For example, during the very dangerous time of Ahab the Lord preserved for himself seven thousand who did not bend their knees to Baal.

And so this holy Church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain people. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 247
“I Love Your Church, O Lord”

The Pastoral Prayer

The prayer will conclude with 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: Mark 7: 31-37

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: **“Ephphatha! Be Opened!”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Gordon	minister
Dr. Larry Visser	organist
Elena DeNooy	oboist
Laura Muresan	flutist
Calin Muresan	cellist

We welcome **Elena DeNooy**, niece of Laura Muresan, who is a home-schooled high school oboe player and is principal oboist in the St. Cecilia Philharmonia. Elena plays an oboe owned by the late Marge Hoogeboom, a LaGrave member who played in the Calvin Community Orchestra. Elena joins her relatives, **Calin and Laura Muresan** in the ministry of music this evening.

The February special offering is for **The Bridge**. The Bridge is part of Arbor Circle, which offers emergency shelter for youths, and additional counseling for youths and their families.

Copies of the Announcements & Prayer Concerns are on the Welcome Center.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live