

September 2, 2018

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

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:

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Hal Hopson

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Wilbur Held, Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 549

“O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Matthew 14:22-31 (pg. 1524)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*The Confession of Faith

Q. What is true faith?

A. **True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,**

that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. & A. #21

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 852

“Faith Begins By Letting Go”

The Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Notes are also prayer request cards that can be dropped into the box at the Welcome Center.

The Offertory:

“We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight”

David Cherwien

The Offering

Today's Offering is for the Pregnancy Resource Center and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: James 1:1-8 (pg. 1879)

Jude 17-25 (pg. 1910)

The Sermon: **“FAITH AND DOUBT”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 406:1-3

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Albert Travis

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Sara Good – organist

Chancel flowers: At a September 1965 meeting of LaGrave's college-age group, Dick Eppinga met Judy Jasper, a Butterworth School of Nursing Student from Orange City, Iowa. They began

dating in September 1966 and were married on September 6, 1968, Dick's birthday. They thank the Lord and LaGrave as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. **Dick & Judy Eppinga**

The September special offering is for the Pregnancy Resource Center which provides education, counseling and services at no cost to the recipients. Through their variety of programs, the Pregnancy Resource Center lives out their mission “to show the truth that all people matter to God.”

Ordinary Time – the Season after Pentecost

Ordinary time is the longest time of the liturgical year. The colors used for Ordinary Time are green and blue. The green symbolizes growth. The blue symbolizes the color of water which is necessary for growth. It is a time for growth in our spiritual lives and in our service to the mission of the church.

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