

LaGrave Avenue CRC Livestream Worship June 21, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude: - "Allegro moderato and Siciliano from Sonata No. 2" - J. S. Bach

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" - Kurt Kaiser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit – "Christ, Walk Beside Me as I Go" – Larry Visser (words by Peter Jonker)

*Christ, walk beside me as I go. When worry makes my feet to slow,
rest your strong hand upon my back, and keep my pace from growing slack.*

*Christ, live within me, heal my heart, I offer you its tangled parts.
Take all the fragments of my soul, and make my fumbling spirit whole.*

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The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

- 1. 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 the mount– I'm fixed upon it–
mount of God's unchanging love.**

- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

- 3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now 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, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:17-28

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ephesians 3:17b-19

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 863:1,2,4,5

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

- 1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.**

- 2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

- 4. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

- 5. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer – concluded by the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Anthem:

“O Lord, Most Holy” - César Franck

O Lord, most holy, O Lord, most mighty, O loving Father, thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know thee, know thee and love thee, Father, grant us thy truth and grace; Father, guide and defend us. Rule thou our willful hearts, keep thine our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in thee. And in temptation's hour, save through thy mighty power, thine aid, O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to thee.

The Offertory – “Be Thou My Vision” - Jan Mulder

The Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

God Speaks to Us

The Children’s Message

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The Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12

The Sermon: “Reason to Believe: Can We Be Good Without God?”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 746

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

- 1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;**

- Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**
- 2. Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.**
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
- 3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,**
show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude – "Sortie (Postlude)" - César Franck

Participants:

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jess Hollenbach – vocalist

Laura Muresan – flutist