

LaGrave CRC Outdoor Worship
August 23, 2020 – 8:30 AM

The Welcome

*The Greeting

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 579:1-4 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
4. **Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1-4 — “When Peace like a River”

1. **When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

**Refrain: It is well (*it is well*) with my soul; (*with my soul*);
it is well, it is well with my soul.**
2. **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control;
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.**
(Refrain)
3. **My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought! —my sin, not in part, but the whole
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**
(Refrain)
4. **O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.**
(Refrain)

We Celebrate God’s Covenant Promises

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents

The Sacrament of Baptism: **Alexander James Kruyf**, son of Zachary and Carmen Kruyf

Prayer Partners: Perrin and Alanna Rynders
Baptizing Minister: Rev. Lee Smits

The Response Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 796:1,2 — “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

- 1. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above!**
- 2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus – spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, never more!
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how he’s interceding, watching o’er them from the throne!**

The Baptismal Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Bible Reading: Romans 8:35-39

The Sermon: “Reasons to Believe: If God Is Good and Powerful, Why Is There So Much Suffering?”

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1,3-4 — “What Wondrous Love”

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul; O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**
- 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM—
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**
- 3. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity I’ll sing on.**

*The Benediction

Participants: Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Jess Hollenbach – pianist