

LaGrave CRC Outdoor Worship
September 13, 2020 – 8:30 AM

The Welcome

*The Greeting

*The Opening Hymns: Lift Up Your Hearts 246:1,3,4 - "God Is Here"

1. **God is here! As we, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of your Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

3. **Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

4. **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 553:1,3,4 - "How Great Thou Art"

1. **O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: how great thou art,
how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

3. **But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)**

4. **When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)**

The Pastoral Prayer

The Sung Prayer for Illumination: Worship & Rejoice 664:1; “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. **When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

The Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-9

The Sermon: “Hometown Exiles”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 261:1-4; “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

1. **Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread.
And sinners freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.**
2. **He calls his chosen from afar; they all at Zion’s gates arrive.
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.**
3. **Gentiles and Jews his laws obey. All lands and nations offerings bring
and, unconstrained, their homage pay to their exalted God and King.**
4. **Oh, may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,
while angels celebrate his praise and saints his glories hail.**

God Feeds Us at His Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you for giving Jesus as the bread of life. Through his sacrifice you forgive our sins, you feed our souls, and you give us abundant life.

We thank you that, in Jesus, you give us food that endures to eternal life.

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, show forth, here among these people, the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit. Sanctify us through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ may be one in him and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. We pray this with the words you taught us, saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Words of Institution – *spoken by the minister*

We Eat the Bread – followed by singing:

Lift Up Your Hearts 840:1 – “Behold the Lamb”

- 1. Behold the Lamb, who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember
the promise made, that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

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We Drink the Cup – followed by a time of reflection

Words of Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-5a

*The Hymn of Celebration: Lift Up Your Hearts 833 – “There Is a Redeemer”

- 1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**
**Refrain: Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**
- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (Refrain)**
- 3. When I stand in glory I will see his face;
there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (Refrain)**

***The Benediction**

Participants: Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Rachel Scholten – keyboard