

LaGrave Avenue CRC Livestream Worship September 13, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude: "God Is Here" – Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "We Are God's People"

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of his Spirit, established by his Word; our corner stone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live transparently, and walk heart and hand in hand.

We are the body of which the Lord is head, called to obey him, now risen from the dead; he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one: O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246; "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.**

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Galatians 3:26-28; Colossians 3:12-14

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795:1,4; "We Know that Christ Is Raised"

- 1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!**

- 4. A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!**

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents

The Sacrament of Baptism: **Benjamin James Guinn**, son of Anthony & Stephanie Guinn

Prayer Partner: Heather Scholma

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3; "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside! (Refrain)**

The Baptismal Blessing

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide" – Jonathan A. Tuuk

*Jesus, with thy Church abide; be her Savior Lord, and guide,
while on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.*

*May her lamp of truth be bright; bid her bear aloft its light
through the realms of pagan night: we beseech thee, hear us.*

*Judge her not for work undone, judge her not for fields un-won,
bless her work in thee begun: we beseech thee, hear us.*

*May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,
gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us. Amen.*

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: 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 Prayer of Thanksgiving – *The congregation will repeat the words after the celebrant*

The Lord be with you...

Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord...

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

It is right for us to give him our thanks and praise...

We praise you God, for all your gracious gifts...

You made this beautiful world...

You give us life and breath and strength...

You are patient with us when we wander...

You sent Jesus to this world to save us...

Lord Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins...

Lord Jesus, you were raised to life so that we could be free...

You have destroyed death! Alleluia...

You have sent your spirit to guide us and fill us...

You give us an inheritance that can never perish...never spoil...never fade...

You give us holy food to feed our souls...

You are making all things new...

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels...

and we 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 a time of reflection

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

The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude: “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

Participants:

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Sara Good – organist
Glenda Buteyn – vocalist