

## LaGrave Avenue CRC Livestream Worship September 27, 2020

### God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude: "Prelude in G Major" (BWV 541)

"Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring" – Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "O God Beyond All Praising" – Gustav Holst

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

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The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1,2,5

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

**1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.**

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

**2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.**

Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

**5. Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.**

Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace! Amen.

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

## We Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Exodus 20:12; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 104

- Q. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?
- A. **That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother  
and all those in authority over me;  
that I submit myself with proper obedience  
to all their good teaching and discipline;  
and also that I be patient with their failings—  
for through them God chooses to rule us.**

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 4:15-16

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 682

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. **Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**
2. **When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.**
3. **Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

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## We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises (8:30 Outdoor Worship)

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents

The Sacrament of Baptism: **Lucy Carter VanEerden**, daughter of Doug and Alexandra VanEerden

Prayer Partner: Jane Sharda

The Baptismal Blessing

The Baptismal Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 80:1,3,4

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

1. **He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.**
3. **He's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,  
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.**
4. **He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,  
he's got all of us together in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.**

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: "Sing Praise to God Our King" – George Frideric Handel

*Sing praise to God our King. Sing forth with cheerful voice.  
Let heaven above and earth below, in songs of praise, rejoice.  
My humble heart and joyous strains, proclaims your name,  
O Christ, our Lord.*

The Offertory: "All Creatures of Our God and King" – David A. Schack

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

Click [here](#) for children's video

The Sung Prayer for Illumination Lift Up Your Hearts 747:1,2

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

1. **Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**

2. **Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

The Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-17

The Sermon: "Hometown Exiles: Submission to Human Authorities"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

#### We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 572:1,2,5

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

1. **Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:  
to God all praise and glory!**
2. **What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!**
5. **Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory!**

The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude: *Te Deum*, "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" – Gregorian and German Themes

Participants:

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Jonathan Tuuk – organist, pianist

Mary Tuuk – vocalist