

LaGrave Avenue CRC Livestream Worship September 6, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude: "Dawn" – Cyril Jenkins

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "Not I, But Christ"

*Not I but Christ, in lowly, silent labor; not I, but Christ, in humble, earnest toil;
Christ, only Christ! no show, no ostentation! Christ, none but Christ, the gatherer of the spoil.*

*Oh, to be saved from myself, dear Lord, Oh, to be lost in thee;
Oh, that it may be no more I, but Christ that lives in me. Amen.*

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 Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:1-2

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 4:3a, 14-16

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 852:1,3

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

- 1. Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, through the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.**

- 2. Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the common-place ripe with witness to God's grace.**

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

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents

The Sacrament of Baptism: **Oliver James VanderPloeg**, son of Nathan and Megan VanderPloeg

Prayer Partners: Chip and Julie Wisse

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 800:1-3

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

- 1. Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.**

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.

Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

- 2. Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away.
From the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me. (Refrain)**

- 3. I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free. (Refrain)**

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The Baptismal Blessing

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: "All Who Are Thirsty" – Michael Perry

- 1. All who are thirsty, come to the Lord; all who are hungry, feed on his Word.
Buy without paying, food without price, eat with thanksgiving God's sacrifice.*

2. *Why spend your money on what's not bread? Why toil in labor and not be fed?
God will provide you richest of food. Come to the waters, drink what is good.*
3. *Call on God's mercy while he is near; turn from your evil, come without fear;
Ask him for pardon, grace will abound! This is the moment God can be found.*
4. *Where once were briers, flowers will grow, where lives were baren, rivers will flow.
Praise to our Savior, grace and renown. Ours is the blessing, his be the crown!*

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The Offertory: "As a Deer in Want of Water (Psalm 42)" – Louis Bourgeois, setting Jonathan Tuuk

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 755:1

"Speak, O Lord"

1. **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.**

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The Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5

The Sermon: "Labor that Lasts"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 928:1,2,4

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

1. **Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

2. **Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.**

4. **Called through worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

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The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude: "Rejoice" – Noel Goemanne

Participants:

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Jonathan Tuuk – organist

Renee Vande Wege – vocalist