

LaGrave CRC Outdoor Worship
October 4, 2020 – 8:30 AM

The Welcome

*The Greeting

*The Opening Hymns: Lift Up Your Hearts 585:1,3,4

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

- 1. With grateful heart my thanks I bring; before the “gods” your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine,
in your most holy Word divine.**

- 3. O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, you reign alone in heavenly height;
the proud in vain your favor seek, but you have mercy for the meek.
Through trouble though my pathway be, you will revive and strengthen me,
you will revive and strengthen me.**

- 4. You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure: your mercy, Lord, is ever sure;
your mercy Lord, is ever sure.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 533:1-3,6

“I Come with Joy”

- 1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.**

- 2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread.**

- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

- 6. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.**

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Bible Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-18

The Sermon: “Hometown Exiles: Suffering for Righteousness”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 426:1,2

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

- 1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.**
- 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee,
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

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 818 (sing twice)

“Eat This Bread”

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in Christ, and you will not thirst.

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We Drink the Cup – followed by a time of reflection

Words of Thanksgiving: Palm 103:1-5a

*The Hymn of Celebration: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1,3,5

“How Firm a Foundation”

- 1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

- 3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

- 5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”**

*The Benediction

Participants: Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Jess Hollenbach – keyboard