

May 2, 2021

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. An asterick (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“Capriccio”

J. J. Froberger

“Seek Ye First”

arr. Norma de Waal Malefyt

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

arr. Charles Maggs

“Jubilate, Amen” (Humble Praises, Holy Jesus)

arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 42

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 616:1,2,4 refrain

“As a Deer in Want of Water”

*The Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own,**

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 407

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will begin with singing the refrain below. The refrain will also be sung at the end of each of the 3 sections of the prayer.

**I call on you my God. To you I bring my plea. Incline
your ear and hear my prayer for you will answer me.**

based on Psalm 17:6

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

The Sermon: **“FROM BARRENNESS TO BLESSINGS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 695

“And Can It Be”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“To God Be the Glory”

Paul Mickelson

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Chad Boorsma – seminarian
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist
Bells Gloria, Trish Brummel – director

This evening, we welcome to our pulpit seminarian and LaGrave member **Chad Boorsma**. May God bless the preaching of his word.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Joady Hoekstra, the John Schat family** and the **Jon VanHekken family** in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, **Jim Hoekstra**.

The May special offering is for In The Image, a free store serving thousands of individuals and families by offering clothing, shoes, household goods, bedding, furniture, toys, etc. The S.H.O.E.S. program provides a new pair of back-to-school athletic shoes for free to elementary students in need.

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