

**May 9, 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:

“We Praise You, O God”

Michael Burkhardt, Neil Harmon, Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 560

“We Praise You, O God”

*(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: Hosea 11:1-11

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 690:1,3,4

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

\*The Confession of Faith:

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—  
which some seek to control, and others view with despair—  
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

**Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth:  
some, crushed by failure or broken by pain,  
give up on life and hope and God; others, shaken,  
but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to  
realize their dreams. As believers in God, we also struggle**

**with the spirits of this age, resisting them in the power of  
the Spirit, testing them by God’s sure Word.**

Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness,  
but God has not abandoned the work of his hands:

our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and  
rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth,  
promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

**God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping his  
promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy  
Spirit, and announces the good news: sinners who repent  
and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of  
God—the firstfruits of a new creation.**

Our World Belongs to God, par. 1,3,4,5

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 687

“Father, Long Before Creation”

The Pastoral Prayer (*concludes by singing*)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

The Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

The Sermon: **“Found”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 691

“Amazing Grace”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“For All the Saints”

Hal Hopson

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

Rev. Scott Hoezee – guest minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Sara Good– organist

This evening, we welcome guest minister **Rev. Scott Hoezee**  
to our worship. Rev. Hoezee is director at the Center for  
Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary.  
May God bless the preaching of his Word.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Curt and  
Ruth Witte** in honor of their mothers.

**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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