

June 13, 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:

“Gather Us In”

John Behnke

“Prelude and Fugue in D Major”

G. F. Handel

“Two Settings on *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*”

J. Wayne Kerr, Johann Gottfried Walther

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

(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: Deuteronomy 15:1-15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 269:1,4,5

“All Are Welcome”

*The Confession:

What is God’s will for you in the sixth commandment?

I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor— not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger

myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Does this commandment refer only to murder?

By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God’s sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 105-107

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 518:1,3

“Praise the Lord! Sing Alleluia”

The Pastoral Prayer, *concluded by singing two times*

“Be Still and Know”

Be still and know that I am God.

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Psalms 46:10

The Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13

The Sermon: **“THE POOR YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE WITH YOU”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 301:1-5

“How Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Rigaudon”

André Campra, arr. Virgil Fox

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

Ordinary Time is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. The banners and parament for the time reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly rooted in the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God’s Word. By doing so, we find life, experience deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

Today’s chancel flowers are given in loving memory of **Ralph Ondersma** – our dear husband, father, and grandfather. **The Ondersma Family**

The special offering for June is for Cherry Health: An independent, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with a primary focus of providing high quality health services to those who have little or no access to health care, regardless of income or insurance status.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

