

July 18, 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:

“Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God”

James Biery

I Prelude

II Capriccio

“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise, All You Peoples”

Seth Bingham

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-4a

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God Beyond All Praising”

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

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Introduction to the Service

Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise

Creation

The Bible Reading: Psalm 65:1,8

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5

“Let All Things Now Living”

(sopranos are invited to sing the descant on v. 2)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 553:1,2,4

“How Great Thou Art”

The Prayer:

Creator God, how great thou art. We praise you for this world which you created in love and adorned with splendor. We praise you for the smell of spring flowers. We praise you for the spectacle of sunlight on water. We rejoice in the smooth wonder of a baby’s skin. We praise you for the taste of summer fruit. We rejoice in the sound of children’s laughter. Creator God, you made all these bright and beautiful things, and so with all creation we glorify your name. Amen.

Fall

The Bible Reading: Psalm 130:1-4

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 655

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

(Sing v. 2 a cappella)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

The Prayer:

Merciful God, our sins are too heavy to carry and too real to hide. Our sorrows are too heavy for us to carry and too messy for us to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Give relief to the sorrows our souls cannot manage and our hearts cannot carry. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future where we can be changed and healed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your image. Replace our fear and sorrow with holy joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Redemption

The Bible Reading: Romans 5:6-8

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 175

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

(sing v. 3 a cappella; sing v. 4 in unison)

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 833:1-2

“There Is a Redeemer”

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 363

“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

The Prayer:

Merciful God, you have given us infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus you have saved us. In the place of sin, you have planted righteousness. In the place of despair, you have given hope. In the place of sadness, you have sown joy. In the place of decay, you are making all things new. Lord Jesus you are our only comfort in life and death and our hope is in you all day long. To you be thanks and praise, Amen.

Consummation

The Bible Reading: Revelation 7:9-10

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 488

“Jerusalem the Golden”

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(sing v. 4 in unison)

*The Prayer:

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we lift our voices with the saints and angels to praise you for the gift of everlasting life in the new creation. You have gone ahead to prepare a place, and you will take us to be with you. Before you every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. You are worthy Lord, we sing your praise today, and through eternity we’ll sing on. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1,3,4

“What Wondrous Love”

(sing v. 4 in unison)

*The Benediction

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

* The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God” Wim Magré

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation by being rooted in God's word. With joy, we draw from that well of salvation.

The chancel flowers are placed in memory of **Clarence Doornbos**, who passed away July 15, 2017. Clare is lovingly remembered by his wife, **Janice Doornbos Zandt**, and family, **Peter & Sharlene Jouwstra, Doug & Vonnie Maurer.**

The special offering for the month of July is for Westminster Food Pantry. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.