

## August 1, 2021

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use **two** different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (\*) 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:

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Wilbur Held

*Partita on "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

Dale Wood

*Two Settings on "O Light Whose Splendor Thrills"*

Gerald Near, Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 107***

***"O Light Whose Splendor Thrills"***

*(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 72 (Coronation Psalm. Picture of the kind of ruler God wants)

The Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 109:1,2,4***

***"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"***

\*The Confession:

Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

A. **Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our**

**cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. **Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31 and 32

\*The Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 566:1,3,4***

***"Give Praise to Our God"***

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The Pastoral Prayer: *concluded by singing:*

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

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The Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:17-27

The Sermon: **"THE MESSIAH IS DEAD"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 223***

***"Crown Him with Many Crowns"***

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

***"Choral Fugue-The King Shall Rejoice"***

George Frideric Handel

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

Rev. Bob Arbogast – guest minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Norma de Waal Malefyt – 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 as we grow by being rooted in God's word. With joy we draw from that well of salvation.

The chancel flowers are in thanksgiving for **my LaGrave family** in whom I rejoice always and pray for. With much gratitude, thanks and blessings, **Paul Wright**. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**The special offering for the month of August is for Home Repair Services of West Michigan.** This organization offers educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).

