

August 15, 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:

Variations on “*O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise*”

Garth Edmundson

Two Settings on “*Christ, Mighty Savior*”

Robert Buckley Farlee, Sam Eatheron

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 389

“Joyous Light of Heavenly 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 146

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 502:1-3,5,6

“O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise”

*The Confession:

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty,

welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

Our World Belong to God, Par. 41

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 925

“Go to the World”

The Pastoral Prayer: *concluded by the sung prayer for*

illumination:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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The Scripture: Colossians 3:22-24

The Sermon: “**WHATEVER YOU DO...**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 356

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“*Marche Religieuse*”

Alexandre Guilmant

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, 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.

Bill and Mary Romence provided the beautiful flowers in the chancel today.

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.

