

**August 22, 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:

“How I Love You Lord”

Alfred Fedak

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Wilbur Held, Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 46

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

*(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: Hebrews 11:32-12:3

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 426

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

\*The Confession:

Q. What do you understand by “communion of saints”?

**A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.**

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning to the world to its end, gathers, protects, preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54 & 55

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 363

“Blessed Assurance”

The Pastoral Prayer: *concluded by singing:*

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

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The Scripture: Genesis 40

The Sermon: **“FAITH IN THE DARKNESS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1-3, 5

“How Firm a Foundation”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“How Firm a Foundation”

Claude Murphree

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Sara Good – 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 beautiful flowers on the chancel today have been given in memory of the life of **Sher Engbers**.

**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)

