

September 12, 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:

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Benjamin Culli

“Allegretto” from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 6***

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

(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: Isaiah 6:1-8

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

*The Confession: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin

Mary, and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory

to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and

glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Our Faith: Pages 14 & 15

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 959

“Glory Be to The Father”

The Pastoral Prayer: *concluded by singing our sung prayer of
illumination:*

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once
you broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred
page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living
Word.**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy
Word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and
live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for
you are love.**

**O send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me, that he may
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth
made plain within your Word, for in your book
revealed I see you, Lord.**

LUYH 764: 1,3,4

The Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11

The Sermon: “**THE HOLY LIFE**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 730

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Allegro maestoso e vivace” from *Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. The banners and parament now reflect concepts from 2 Peter 3:17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life’s challenges and remain firm in our faith.

The flowers in the chancel today are given in precious memory of **Sharon Bouma**, who went into the arms her Heavenly Father on September 13, 2019. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Pam Molenhouse and family.

The special offering recipient for September is **Exalta Health Services**: Provides medical, vision, dental, behavioral and spiritual care services with fees based on household income and number of members supported by that income. Unemployment, lack of insurance or other financial factors are not barriers for service.

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