

September 19, 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:

Three Settings of “Nettleton” (Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)
Steve Jenkins, Robert A Hobby, Aaron David Miller

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 560
“We Praise You, O God”
(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 27:1-10

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 405:1-3,5,6
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*The Confession:

Q. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A. **Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.**

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. Why do you call him “our Lord”?

A. **Because— not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood— he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and had bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29,31 & 34

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 776:1,3,4
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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

LUYH 749

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 7:3-12

The Sermon: **“A STONE OF HELP”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Fanfare”

Gordon Young

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

Rev. Emily VandenHeuvel – minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Dr. Elizabeth West – 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 sanctuary today are presented in loving memory of our beloved husband, dad, and papa, **John Russell Dykhouse**, who went to his Heavenly home on September 21, 2020. **Gwen Dykhouse 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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