

October 17, 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:

“Solemn Prelude”

Alec Rowley

“I Greet Thee, O My Sure Redeemer Art,”

Peter Pindar Stearns

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Raymond H. Herbek

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

arr. Norma deWaal Malefyt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:3-5

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 586:1,2,4,5

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

(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: Mark 15:25-32

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 137

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

*The Confession:

Q. What further benefit do we received from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. **By Christ’s power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.**

Q. Why does the creed add, “He descended to hell”?

A. **To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.**

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

A. **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43-45

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 166:1-3, plus optional *Easter stanza at bottom of page*

“Were You There”

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

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.

Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with your children thus to share.

Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Worship and Rejoice 480

The Scripture: Psalm 137

The Sermon: **“BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1,2,4

“What Wondrous Love is This”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

Toccata on “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” David Cherwien

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Bells Gloria – Trish Brummel, director

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. As you look at the banners and paraments, reflect on these concepts from Colossians 2:6&7. Remain rooted in Jesus Christ and in the faith you were taught. Let the spirit of thanksgiving overflow in your life.

The October special offering is for Roosevelt Park Ministries: a separate non-profit organization originally established by Deacons of Roosevelt Park Community CRC in conjunction with World Renew which provides various community services and support programs for families, individuals and youths in the surrounding areas.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

