

## October 24, 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:

“We Praise You, O God”

Beatrice Hatton Fisk

“The Solid Rock”

Lana Kelley

“How Firm a Foundation”

Terry L. Baldrige

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Albert L. Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: (from Psalm 40)

Leader: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done,

**People: the things you have planned for us.**

Leader: None can compare with you, for were I to speak and tell of your deeds,

**People: they would be too many to declare.**

Leader: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say,

**People: “The Lord is great!”**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 19

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*(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 145:1-13

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 561

“I Will Extol You, O My God”

\*The Confession:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,**

**and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way**

**that not a hair can fall from my head**

**without the will of my Father in heaven:**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

\*The Hymn of Confession: Lift Up Your Hearts 770

“In Christ Alone”

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 40:1-2

The Pastoral Prayer:

*Prayer to begin by singing:*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

*Prayer to conclude by singing:*

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

LUYH 772:1,3

The Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-14

The Sermon: **“HOW MANY BLESSINGS?”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Final from Symphony 1”

Louis Vierne

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

Rev. Jon Oppenorth – guest minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

This evening, we welcome to our worship service **Rev. Jon Oppenorth**, President of Words of Hope. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

**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](http://lagrave.org/live)

