

October 31, 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:

“Chaconne for Organ”

Martha Sobaje

“Built on the Rock, the Church Shall Stand”

John Behnke, Benjamin Culli

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:3-5

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 776:1,2,4

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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: Ephesians 2:1-10

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 624

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

*The Confession:

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient

as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Q. Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

A. Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ’s satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way then through faith.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60,61

*The Hymn of Confession: Lift Up Your Hearts 695: 1,2,4
“And Can It Be”

The Pastoral Prayer:

concluded by singing our sung prayer of illumination:

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you. By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding, open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit’s leading. Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

LUYH 763:1,3

The Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-3:12

The Sermon: **“ONE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 252:1,3,4
“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martha Sobaje

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

Dr. Laura Smit – guest minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Sara Good – organist

This evening, we welcome to our worship service guest minister **Dr. Laura Smit**, professor of religion and theology at Calvin University. 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 flowers on the chancel today are given by **Lois Venema** in loving memory of her husband, **Bill Venema**, who passed away two years ago.

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.

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