

November 14, 2021

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

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* 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:

Two Settings on "Let All Things Now Living"

Wilbur Held, Frank Stoldt

"Prelude in G Major (BWV 541)"

J.S. Bach

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 513

"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"

(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 8

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 500:1-3,5

"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"

*The Confession:

As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world – which some seek to control,
and others view with despair –
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

**Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness,
but God has not abandoned the work of his hands:
our Maker preserves this world,
sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures,
renewing the earth, promising a Savior,
guiding all things to their purpose.**

God holds this world with fierce love.
Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God –
the first fruits of a new creation.

**We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of
darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the
world.**

**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
We are confident that the light which shines in the
present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.**

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 1,4,5 & 6

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

"O Worship the King"

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing our sung prayer of Illumination:

Lift Up Your Hearts 763:1,3

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

The Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:9-22

The Sermon: **"AN OLD COAT, BOOKS & A FRIEND"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 583:1,3,4,5,7

"O Love of God, How Strong and True"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for
in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and
earth and everything in them. You made us in your
image, and kept covenant with us—even when
we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by
his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.**

We praise you for changing our hearts through the
outpouring of your Holy Spirit, who gives us strength for
our journey and counsel for our way.

**We thank you for the gift of your church, this family
who cares for each other and devotes itself to your
work.**

Therefore, we join our voices with all
the saints and angels and the whole creation to
proclaim the glory of your name:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!**

The Prayer of Consecration:

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and
cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ
and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole
church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray
this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever,
Amen.**

The Words of Institution for the Bread

The Words of Institution for the Wine

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

David Cherwien

Rev. Galen Meyer – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

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

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.”

We welcome **Reverend Galen Meyer** this evening. Galen and Thelma are newer members of LaGrave. Galen taught at South Christian High School for many years, he served as a military chaplain and was also the editor of *The Banner*.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Marilyn Stroo**.

The November Special Offering is for World Renew:
Over the last decade, World Renew supporters have met the needs of 6 million disaster survivors, providing more than immediate relief. Together we’ve helped communities realize long-term goals that equip them to function better than before and to endure long after the response work is done. In order to help alleviate suffering in Haiti our contributions will be designated for Disaster

Response. Ultimately, the hope is to rebuild communities impacted by suffering to be stronger and healthier, able to withstand future disasters.

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