

## November 21, 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:

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

David Hildebrand

“Here I Am, Lord”

David Pettit

#### The Chiming of the Hour

#### The Introit:

“May the Lord God Hear You Pray”

*May the Lord God hear you pray; may God’s strength be yours today; may God bless you from above, lifting up your heart in love.*

*May God give you all you need; may God make your plans succeed; may God guide you all your days, filling all our hearts with praise.*

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#### \*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 398

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*(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 103:1, 6-18

#### The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1-4

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

#### \*The Confession:

In a world estranged from God,

**where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices,**

we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—

**to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ.**

In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.

**God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.**

Our World Belongs to God, par. 42

#### \*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#### The Anthem:

“Sing A Round of Praise”

Hal H. Hopson

*Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom wonders belong! Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power—O sing to the Lord, sing a new song!*

*Now to the ends of the earth see his salvation is shown: and still he rememebers his mercy and truth, unchanging in love to his own.*

*Sing a new song and rejoice, publish his praises abroad! Let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn, resound for the joy of the Lord!*

*Join with the hills and the sea thunders of praise to prolong! In judgment and justice he comes to the earth—O sing to the Lord, sing a new song!*

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#### The Prayer for Illumination:

Eternal God, open our eyes to your Word,

**for by it you preserve our lives.**

Open our mind to your commands,

**for their perfection is boundless.**

Open our hearts to your truth,

**for it is eternal and stands to this day.**

May your Word, O Lord, be our delight.

In Jesus’ name and by the power of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

(based on Psalm 119:89-96)

#### The Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

#### The Sermon: **“FIRST THINGS FIRST”**

#### The Pastoral Prayer

*Prayers for Workers for the Harvest*

Sung Response:

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

*Prayers for Neighborhood Ministries (and blessing of the food and monetary donations)*

Sung Response:

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

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#### *Prayers for Missionaries*

#### \*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 869

“Here I Am, Lord”

#### \*The Benediction

#### \*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

#### \*The Organ Amen

#### \*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

#### \*The Postlude:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Neil Harmon

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

Chad Boorsma – seminarian

Erin Alley – liturgist

Sara Good – organist

Aaron Good – trumpet

Middle and High School Choirs, Renee Vande Wege – director

Trish Brummel – pianist

**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 in the sanctuary are presented in cherished memory of the life of **Calvin Lenard Hoeksema**, our beloved husband, father, and bucca. He is lovingly remembered by **Norma, Marc, Christine Hoeksema and family**. Rev. 21:1-5.

**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. In order to help alleviate suffering in Haiti our contributions will be designated for Disaster Response.

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