

July 31, 2022

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:

“Meditation on *On Eagle’s Wings*”
“O God Beyond All Praising”

Marilyn Biery
William H. Bates

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3, 43

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557
“O God Beyond All Praising”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-12

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1-3
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*The Confession:

“Affirmation: Come, Lord Jesus”
We long for that day
when our bodies are raised,
the Lord wipes away our tears,
and we dwell forever in the presence of God.
We will take our place in the new creation,

where there will be no more death
or mourning or crying or pain,
and the Lord will be our light.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

On that day
we will see our Savior face to face,
sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King,
just and gracious.
He will set all things right,
judge evil, and condemn the wicked.
We face that day without fear,
for the Judge is our Savior,
whose shed blood declares us righteous.
We live confidently,
anticipating his coming,
offering him our daily lives—
our acts of kindness,
our loyalty, and our love—
knowing that he will weave
even our sins and sorrows
into his sovereign purpose.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

With the whole creation
we join the song:
**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”**
He has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve our God,
and we will reign on earth.
God will be all in all,
righteousness and peace will flourish,
everything will be made new,
and every eye will see at last
that our world belongs to God.
Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

Our World Belongs to God, para. 56,57,58

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 459:1-2
“Within the Shelter of the Lord”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer concluded by singing:

**God answers every cry for help; his love is ours till
journey’s end—however long our lives may be, on
God’s firm promise we depend. Who knows what
dangers we are spared, since angels guard the way we
take? And all who trust and love the Lord he pledges
never to forsake.**

LUYH 459:3

The Scripture: Genesis 18:16-33 and Romans 3:19-24

The Sermon: **“BEYOND CHUTZPAH”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 478
“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Prelude in G Major”

J.S. Bach

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

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

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God’s word.

We welcome **Reverend Galen Meyer** this evening. Galen and Thelma are 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 special offering for the month of July is for Westminster Food Pantry. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live