

August 14, 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:

“Be Thou My Vision”

Charles Callahan, Benjamin Culli

“Commit Your Way to God the Lord”

Raymond Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 492

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Sons and Daughters of God

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. (Romans 8:14)

Jesus came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, born of God. (John 1:12-13)

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” (Romans 8:15)

Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:28-29, 32)

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:17)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 23

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer concluded by singing:

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine!

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire. As thou hast died for me, O may my love
to thee, pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

LUYH 426:1-2

The Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1-15

The Sermon: **“JEREMIAH’S WELCOME SERMON”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 850

“Commit Your Way to God the Lord”

We Celebrate 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 you created heaven and earth, 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 that by his blood, Jesus washed away our sin and destroyed the power of death.

We rejoice that there is no power in heaven and earth that can separate us from the love you poured out on us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Father, we praise you for the Holy Spirit, who makes our life secure, equips us for service and witness, and who testifies with our spirit that we are your children.

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 Words of Institution

Spoken by the minister

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 Communion

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). You may respond to the elder's words with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far right. Children are welcome to come to a serving station for a blessing from the pastor.

The Communion Songs

Please see insert for communion songs

*The Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
**To receive power and wealth and wisdom and
strength and honor and glory and praise!**

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 933

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Paul Laubengayer

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – 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.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in gratitude from the **Planned Giving Committee** to thank all who have remembered loved ones through contributions to the Planned Giving Committee or who have graciously thought to remember the Planned Giving Committee via estate gifts. "*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*" 2 Corinthians 9:11

The special offering for the month of August is for Home Repair Services of West Michigan. They offers educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

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