

August 28, 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:

Partita on “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” John Eggert
Variations on “*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*” Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 565
“God Himself Is With Us”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Philippians 1:15-30

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 438
“Give to the Wind Your Fears”

*The Confession:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—**

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772:1,3,4
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Ministry Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer concluded by singing:

**Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my
Savior, so precious thou art. Fold me, O fold me close
to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**

**Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in
glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to
be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my
Savior, still nearer to thee.**

LUYH 659:1,4

The Scripture: Acts 7:54-8:3

The Sermon: “**STEPHEN AND ZECHARIAH**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 583:1,2,5-7
“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Recessional with Fanfares”

Robert Below

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from 2 Peter 3:17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life’s challenges and remain firm in our faith.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Matt and Deb Vogel** in loving memory of **Al and Eleanor Vogel**.

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

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

