August 7, 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:
“*The Heavens Are Telling the Lord’s Endless Glory*”
  Ludwig van Beethoven
  “*This Is My Father’s World*”
  Alice Jordan
  “*Let All Things Now Living*”
  Charles Ore
  “*We Sing the Mighty Power of God*”
  Charles Ore, Alfred Fedak

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship:
Our world belongs to God—
not to us or earthly powers, not to demons, fate, or chance. The earth is the Lord’s. In the beginning, God—
Father, Word, and Spirit—
called this world into being out of nothing, and gave it shape and order.
God formed sky, land, and sea;
stars above, moon and sun,
making a world of color, beauty, and variety—a fitting home for plants and animals, and us—a place to work and play, worship and wonder, love and laugh.
God rested and gave us rest.
In the beginning everything was very good.
Our World Belongs To God, p. 7-9

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5
  “*Let All Things Now Living*”
sopranos are invited to sing the descant on verse 2

**The Greeting**

**The People’s Response: Amen.**

The Welcome

**We Sing Creation Songs**

The Reading: Psalm 8

The Hymns: Lift Up Your Hearts 21
  “*This Is My Father’s World*”
  Lift Up Your Hearts 6:1,3
  “*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*”
  Lift Up Your Hearts 17
  “*Beautiful Savior*”
  sing v. 3 a cappella

The Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 555
  “*Let All Creation’s Wonders*”

**We Sing the Songs of Our Heart**

The Selections from the Congregation

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Concluding Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 387
  “*The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended*”

*The Benediction*

*The People’s Response: Amen.*

*The Organ Amen*

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells*

*The Postlude:*
  “Trumpet Tune on *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*”
  Larry Visser

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

Rev. Peter Jonker —minister
Dr. Larry Visser —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 loving memory of Philip P. Versluis. A life well lived and a life well loved!

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

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live