

**October 2, 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:

“I Will Exalt My God and King”

Robert Buckley Farlee

“I Will Extol You, O My God”

David N. Johnson

“Chaconne on *O for a Closer Walk with God*”

Franklin D. Ashdown

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 561

“I Will Extol You, O My God”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 325

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

\*The Confession: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604:1,2

“To God Be the Glory”

Missionary Moment: The Lazarres

The Pastoral Prayer

*Prayer concluded by singing our sung prayer of illumination*

**I need the ever hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice  
like thine can peace afford.**

**(Refrain) I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need  
thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.**

**I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and  
abide, or life is vain. (Refrain)**

**I need thee every hour, teach me thy will; and thy rich  
promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)**

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:15 – 2:11 (pg. 1793)

The Sermon: “**GRIEF, LOVE AND CHURCH  
POLITICS**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 796

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Prelude and Fugue in E Minor”

J. S. Bach

*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

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given by **Norma, Christine, and Marc Hoeksema** in loving memory of the lives of Barbara Tahl and Karl Hoeksema on the anniversaries of their home-goings with the Lord.

**Ordinary Time**, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. The banners and parament 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 special offering for October is for **Oakdale Neighbors**, a neighborhood development organization providing youth mentoring and advocacy, tax preparation, financial classes and neighborhood business development assistance.

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