

September 25, 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:

Theme and Variations on “How Can I Keep From Singing”

Benjamin M. Culli

Theme and Improvisation on “Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

Gerhard Krapf, Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 46

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 616:1,2, refrain, 6

“As a Deer in Want of Water”

*The Confession: Our World Belongs to God paragraphs 1,3,4,5

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control,
and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

**Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth:
some, crushed by failure or broken by pain,
give up on life and hope and God;
others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph,
work feverishly to realize their dreams.
As believers in God, we also struggle with the spirits of this
age, resisting them in the power of the Spirit,
testing them by God’s sure Word.**

Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness,
but God has not abandoned the work of his hands:
our Maker preserves this world,
sending seasons, sun, and rain,
upholding all creatures, renewing the earth,
promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

**God holds this world with fierce love.
Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 443:1,3,4

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer concluded by singing our sung prayer of illumination

**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my
sight.**

**Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of
mine. Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and
gladly give.**

**Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of
mine. Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your
tranquility.**

The Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-3:4 (pg. 1794)

The Sermon: **“FINDING WISDOM IN CRISIS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 334

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Allegro from Water Music Suite” G.F. Handel, arr. Carl McKinley

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

Chaplain Tricia Bosma – guest minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Marilyn DeJong and Skip and Mary Vandenberg** in loving memory of husband and father, Wilbur (Bill) DeJong.

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 the month of September is for the Pregnancy Resource Center. PRC Grand Rapids provides care to the men and women in our community in a professional and respectful manner. They offer compassion and resources to those who seek support.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live