The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:1-5

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, the seraphim, ever in your presence, do not dare to behold you. Isaiah cries, "Woe!"—for no one can see the Lord Almighty and live. We too are a people of unclean lips: we are silent when we should speak; we speak when we should be silent. We broadcast what should remain in our own thoughts. In your mercy, show us the sin of our hearts. Wash us, inside and out, Holy Spirit. Make us vessels fit for you. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 623

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

 stanza 3 a cappella

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” (8:40) Paul D. Weber

All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord’s salvation; baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation. Through Christ’s redemption they shall stand among the glorious, heavenly band of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray: grant us your Holy Spirit. Help us in our infirmity through Jesus’ blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may eternal life inherit. Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 946

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (all who are able please sing descant on stanza 3)

*The Benediction


*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” Healey Willan

underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

Bells Jubilate, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Ruth Bylsma – flutist

Andrea Hoeckzema and Olivia Ackerman – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Robert Otte and Brad Van Haislma – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)
Music at LaGrave: The theme of water is expressed through both the first prelude piece and the postlude this morning. The great J. S. Bach, in his baptism chorale prelude *Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came*, paints a picture of the cascading waves of the Jordan river through perpetual fast sixteenth notes which rise and fall. The text of the hymn *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* describes the cleansing waters of Jesus’ love shown through baptism as “a mighty ocean… the current of [his] love… an ocean vast of blessing.

Tomorrow, October 10, 2022 marks the 102nd anniversary of the installation of Dr. Lee S. Huizenga as LaGrave’s missionary to China. The flowers on the chancel commemorate the first missionaries from the CRC to China – Rev. John DeKorne, Rev. Harry Dykstra, and Rev. Lee S. Huizenga, MD. Thanks be to God!

The Phil and Marie Huizenga family

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.

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.

This evening we welcome Rev. Peter Gordon, LaGrave member and leader of Jabez Ministries – a disability ministry to college students.

We also welcome Rev. Ron Sandison, a Baptist preacher and a leader in the disability community. Ron has written multiple books on Christian faith and autism.

Sarah Stanford is a pianist and vocalist who serves on the board of Jabez Ministries and works as a massage therapist. We welcome Sarah this evening and pray God’s blessings on her music ministry.

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