

October 9, 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:

“God of Mercy, God of Grace” Robert Hobby, Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 566

“Give Praise to Our God”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Exodus 4:8-11, 1 Corinthians 15:3-10a

The Hymn: ***Worship and Rejoice 360***

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

The Testimony: Reverend Ron Sandison

*The Confession: Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 44

Life is a gift from God’s hand, who created all things. Receiving this gift thankfully, with reverence for the Creator,

we protest and resist all that harms, abuses, or diminishes the gift of life, whether by abortion, pollution, gluttony, addiction, or foolish risks. Because it is a sacred trust, we treat all life with awe and respect, especially when it is most vulnerable—whether growing in the womb, touched by disability or disease, or drawing a last breath. When forced to make decisions at life’s raw edges, we seek wisdom in community, guided by God’s Word and Spirit.

The Anthem:

“Jesus, Who Bought Us with His Blood”

Jesus, who bought us with his blood, and make our souls his care; was known of old as Israel’s God, and answered Jabez’ prayer.

Jabez! a child of grief! the name befits poor sinners well; for Jesus bore the cross and shame, to save our souls from hell.

Teach us, O Lord, like him, to plead for mercies from above; O come, and bless our souls indeed, with light, and joy, and love.

The Gospel’s promised land is wide, we fain would enter in; but we are pressed, on every side, with unbelief and sin.

Arise; O Lord, enlarge our coast, let us possess the whole; that Satan may no longer boast he can thy work control.

Oh, may thine hand be with us still, our Guide and Guardian be; to keep us safe from every ill, till death shall set us free.

Help us on thee to cast our care, and on thy Word to rest; that Israel’s God, who heareth prayer, will grant us our request.

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The Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (pg. 622)

The Sermon: **“ENLARGING OUR BORDERS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 268

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 934
“God of Mercy, God of Grace”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata in C Major”

Domenico Zipoli

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

Rev. Peter Gordon – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Rev. Ron Sandison – speaker
Sara Good – organist
Sarah Stanford – vocalist

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 and pray God’s blessings on her music ministry.

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

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live