

**June 25, 2023**

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:

“My Only Comfort”

Carl Schalk, Wilbur Held, Charles Callahan

“My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”

Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

\*The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 512:1-3

“Now with Joyful Exultation”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 139:1-12,17-18

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 426

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

\*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—**

**body and soul, in life and in death—**

**to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,**

**and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way**

**that not a hair can fall from my head**

**without the will of my Father in heaven;**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,**

**Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready**

**from now on to live for him.**

\*The Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 438

“Give to the Winds Your Fears”

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded with singing:*

**Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior,**

**so precious thou art. Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;**

**shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me safe in that**

**haven of rest.**

**Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my**

**anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my**

**Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to**

**thee.**

LUYH 659:1,4

The Scripture: Luke 23:32-43 (p. 1642)

The Sermon: **“THE LUCKIEST PERSON IN THE WORLD”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 781

“My Only Comfort”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martha Sobaje

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

Rev. Bob Arbogast – guest minister  
Sara Good – organist

Tonight we welcome **Rev. Bob Arbogast**. Bob leads the Celebration Fellowship Church, which meets at Handlon Prison in Ionia. His prison ministry is one of our sponsored ministries.

Today's chancel flowers are given in celebration of 65 years of marriage for **Tom and Mary Duthler** from their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**The June special offering** is for **Cherry Street Health Services**. An independent, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with a primary focus of providing high quality health services to those who have little or no access to health care, regardless of income or insurance status. Cherry Health is the largest FQHC in the State of Michigan providing integrated health care services at more than 20 locations throughout the State.

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