

**July 16, 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:

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Kenneth Lowenberg

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

John Carter

“Blessed Assurance”

Marianne Kim

The Chiming of the Hour

\*The Call to Worship: from Psalm 62:5-8

Come, all who are gathered, find rest in God;

**our hope comes from him.**

Truly he is our rock and our salvation;

**he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**

Our salvation and our honor depend on God;

**he is our mighty rock, our refuge.**

Trust in him at all times, you people;

pour out your hearts to him,

**for God is our refuge.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Romans 5:1-8

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 451

“When Peace Like a River”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Song of Illumination: “Spirit of the Living God”

1. **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**
2. **Plant your truth down deep in us; may we live for you. Plant your truth down deep in us; may we live for you. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Plant your truth down deep in us; may we live for you.**

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The Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-9 (p. 1886)

The Sermon: **“NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770

“In Christ Alone”

*The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you for giving Jesus as the bread of life.

Through his sacrifice you forgive our sins, you feed our souls, and you give us abundant life.

**We thank you that, in Jesus, you give us food that endures to eternal life.**

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Words of Institution

(spoken by the minister)

The Prayer of Consecration:

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Communion

*Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). You may respond to the elder’s words with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far left. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing from the pastor.*

Songs During Communion  
*please see insert*

\*The Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
**all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**  
Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
**and forget not all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the pit  
**and crowns you with love and compassion.**  
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
**To receive power and wealth and wisdom and  
strength and honor and glory and praise!**

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 831:1-3  
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“It Is Well”

Eleanor Whitsett

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

Dr. Steve VanZanen – guest minister  
Chad Boorsma – liturgist  
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

**Dr. Steve VanZanen** teaches in and chairs the theology department at LCC International University in Lithuania. He also leads the Europe team of Resonate Global Mission, which includes missionaries in nine countries.

**Ordinary Time** is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. This season for spiritual growth is represented in the liturgical colors of blue and green. The banners and parament reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly

rooted by the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God’s Word. By doing so, we find life, experience deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Jim Penning** by his wife, **Marge**. Jim went to his heavenly home on July 13, 2010.

**The July special offering** is for **Westminster Food Pantry**. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

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