

**July 23, 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:

“Partita on *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” John Eggert

The Chiming of the Hour

\*The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

**The Two Sons and Their Father:  
Meditations on the Parable of the Prodigal Son**

**The Younger Brother**

The Reading: Luke 15:11-24

The Meditation

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 613  
“Come to the Savior Now”

**The Older Brother**

The Reading: Luke 15:25-31

The Meditation

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 623:1-4  
“God, Be Merciful to Me”

**The Father**

The Reading: Romans 11:25-32

The Meditation

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 23  
“Children of the Heavenly Father”

The Pastoral Prayer

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 690  
“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“For the Glories of God’s Grace” Albert L. Travis

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

**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 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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