

**July 9, 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:

“Pastorale”

Alexandre Guilmant

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Richard Hudson, Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

\*The Call to Worship: from Revelation 5:12-13

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
**to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

Then every creature in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, sang,

**“To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power  
for ever and ever!” Amen.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 582

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 727

“Christian Hearts in Love United”

\*The Confession: Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another,

**have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

Who, being in very nature God,

**did not consider equality with God something to be used to  
his own advantage;**

rather, he made himself nothing

**by taking the very nature of a servant,**

**being made in human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a man,

**he humbled himself**

**by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

**and gave him the name that is above every name,**

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

and every tongue acknowledge

**that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

\*The Song of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 335:1-4**

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

The Call to Prayer: Philippians 4:6-7

The Pastoral Prayer

*prayer begins with verse 1 of “I Need Thee Every Hour” and  
concludes with verse 4.*

Verse 1

**I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.**

Refrain:

**I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O, bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

Verse 4

**I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain.)**

LUYH 322:1,4

The Scripture: Romans 14:1-12 (p. 1763)

The People’s Response: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon: **“FROM EXCLUSION TO EMBRACE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 269:1,2,4,5  
“All Are Welcome”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“God, the Father of Your People”

Wilbur Held

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one; grant us  
grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son. Challenged by  
your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above, as one  
body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

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

Rev. Kathy Smith – guest minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

**Rev. Kathy Smith** is a Senior Associate Director and  
Program Manager with the Calvin Institute of Christian  
Worship.

**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 by **Janice  
Doornbos** in loving memory of her husband, **Clarence  
Doornbos**, who went to glory on 7/15/2017. “For me to live  
is Christ and to die is gain,” Philippians 1:21.

**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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