

**August 13, 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:

“Be Thou My Vision” Benjamin Culli, Paul Manz, Charles Callahan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to praise the Lord  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**proclaiming your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night,**  
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre  
and the melody of the harp.  
**For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;  
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 513

“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Luke 15:1-7

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 369

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

\*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 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 Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 337

“Lord, You Have Searched Me”

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded with singing:*

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.**

*stanza 2 a cappella*

2. **Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us  
one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble,  
caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our  
lives with love.**

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The Scripture: Psalm 90 (p.929)

The Sermon: **“WAITING AT THE TABLE”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859

“Be Thou My Vision”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Gordon Young

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

Grant Mensonides – seminarian  
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist  
Sara Good – organist

**Grant Mensonides** is a seminarian in his final year at Calvin Seminary. Grant is a member of this congregation! His Parents are Mark and Pam and he grew up in our church family. He currently lives in Crown Point, Indiana, and he will soon start work at Bethel CRC in Lansing, Illinois.

**Ordinary Time**, the longest liturgical season, is a time of spiritual growth. The banners are hung in the diptych form but instead of being attached together they are side by side yet separated. Both the banners and paraments reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God’s word.

**The August special offering** is for **Home Repair Services**. They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

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