

**August 20, 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 Opening Prayer

**To you, loving God, we gather in a spirit of thanksgiving for your abiding presence – for in you we live, move, and have our being. We rest in you, and in you we find our heart’s true home. Thank you for your showers of blessing and, above all, for your grace that renews us each day. In Jesus’ strong and powerful name, Amen.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 46

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

*Away from the Hustle and Bustle*

**to Pray**

The Reading: Mark 1:29-39 (p. 1557)

The Meditation

The Evening Prayer

*Prayer will begin with the song below. The song will also be sung at the end of each of the three sections of the prayer.*

**Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty, listen to us.**

**Hear our prayer, our strong protector, in you we trust.**

Psalms 84:8, 11-12

**To Mourn**

The Reading: Matthew 14:3-13a (p. 1523)

The Meditation

The Prayer of Response

The Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 451**

“Be Still, My Soul”

**To Rest**

The Reading: Mark 6:7-13, 30-32 (p. 1565)

The Meditation

The Prayer of Response

The Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 655**

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

\*The Affirmation of Faith: 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 Closing Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 442**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in 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.*

Chad Boorsma – seminarian

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

**Dr. Elizabeth West** concludes her tenure tonight as an assistant organist. We thank Elizabeth for her faithful service over the past five years and wish her God's blessings in her new position at First Reformed Church of Holland.

**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 flowers on the chancel today are given by **Pat and Pete Tigchelaar** with gratitude to God for 60 years of marriage.

**The August special offering** is for **Home Repair Services.**

They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

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