

**August 27, 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:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Michael D. Costello

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Wilbur Held

“Psalm 98: Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God”

Benjamin Culli

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Amos 9:11-15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 547:1,3

“Sing, Sing A New Song to the Lord God”

\*The Confession:

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God’s rule will be crushed.

**His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

On that day we will see our Savior face to face,  
sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious.  
He will set all things right,  
judge evil, and condemn the wicked.  
We face that day without fear,  
for the Judge is our Savior,  
whose shed blood declares us righteous.

**We live confidently, anticipating his coming,  
offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness,  
our loyalty, and our love—knowing that he will weave  
even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

**Even as I already now experience in my heart  
the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have  
perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen,  
no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined:  
a blessedness in which to praise God forever.**

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 56 & 58, Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 58

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 473

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded with singing:*

- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love, and do what you  
would do.**
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

LUYH 747:1,2

The Scripture: Mark 2:18-22 (p.1558)

The Sermon: **“NEW WINE AND NEW WINESKINS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 581

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

David Cherwien

*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**, 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 **Matt and Deb Vogel** in loving memory of **Al and Eleanor Vogel**.

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

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