

**August 6, 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:

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Alfred Fedak, Paul Manz, Carl Schalk

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 534

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Luke 14:16-24

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 354

“Lord, I Gladly Trust”

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

*followed by silent prayer and concluded with singing:*

Verse 1:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

Verse 2:

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the wellspring of life.**

LUYH 903 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Words: Psalm 102:1-2; adapt. The Community of Taizé

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The Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-13 (p.1896)

The Sermon: **“AS YOU LOOK FORWARD**

**TO THE DAY OF GOD”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 478:1,3,4,5

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

***The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts, guides our steps, restores our strength, and knits us into the one family of God. **We thank you for your patience with us, and for your firm and certain promise that at the end of our long obedience we will feast with you in the new creation.**

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Words of Institution for the Bread

*(followed by the distribution of the bread)*

The Words of Institution for the Wine

*(followed by the distribution of the wine)*

The Communion Hymns  
*please see insert*

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist  
Sara Good – organist

\*The Response of Praise: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936  
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“Trumpet Tune”

Charles Callahan

**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 are given by **Elaine DeStigter, Patti Gardner, and Kim DeStigter** in memory of **Mel DeStigter** who passed away on August 7, 2003. Mel was a beloved husband, father, step-father, grandfather and friend. “I will sing of the love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.” Psalm 89:1

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

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