

October 1, 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:

“All Glory Be to God on High” Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, Paul Manz
“Chorale and Prelude on *O Lord, You Are My Light*”
Paul Manz, Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 565
“God Himself Is with Us”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 132

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 507
“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”

*The Confession:

Jesus ascended in triumph, raising
our humanity to the heavenly throne.

**All authority, glory, and sovereign power
are given to him. There he hears our prayers**

**and pleads our cause before the Father.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 488
“Jerusalem the Golden”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing the sung prayer of illumination

**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.**

**3. Breathe, on me, breath of God, so shall I
never die, but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 747:1,3

The Scripture: John 2:13-25 (p.1649)

The Sermon: **“JESUS AND THE TEMPLE”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 773
“O Lord, You Are My Light”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Allegro Vivace from *Water Music*”

G. F. Handel,
arr. Carl McKinley

*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 liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. Notice that the liturgical colors for Ordinary Time, blue and green, are now lighter and changing in color. Along with the addition of texture, they symbolize elements of growth and the passage of time. As we continue through this time, reflect on these concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life’s challenges and remain firm in our faith. These banners, hung in diptych form, were thoughtfully designed by David Huizenga and fabricated in collaboration with Jan and Claude Bos.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented by Carol Gootjes in loving memory of her husband **Dick (Pop) Gootjes** and granddaughter **Olivia Ann Hoffman**, who are praising and singing together eternally with the Heavenly chorus.

The September special offering is for **Exalta Health**. Exalta Health provides medical, vision, dental, behavioral and spiritual care services with fees based on household income and number of members supported by that income. Unemployment, lack of insurance or other financial factors are not barriers for service.

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