

## September 10, 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:

“Prélude, from *Suite*”

Maurice Duruflé

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

David Cherwien

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark the miracle of time; God’s own sacrifice complete:  
“It is finished!” hear him cry—save us, Lord, when death draws nigh.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 22

“Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 60:15-22

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 39:1,2,5

“The God of Abraham Praise”

\*The Confession of Faith: 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 Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 224

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded by the Lord’s Prayer in unison:*

**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 Scripture: John 19:30 (p.1684)

The Sermon: **“IT IS FINISHED”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 191

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Paraphrase on a Chorus in *Judas Maccabaeus* (Thine Is  
the Glory)”

Alexandre Guilmant

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – 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 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.

The flowers on the chancel today are dedicated to the beautiful, engaging and formative Summer on the Psalms so loved these last months. With gratitude, **Dan and Ann Van Eerden.**

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](https://lagrave.org/live)