

September 24, 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:

“Solemn Prelude on Psalm 62: My Soul Finds Rest
in God Alone”

Gerald Near

Contemplation on “All Praise to You, My God, This Night”

Richard Purvis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 395
“When Evening Falls and Labors Cease”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 30:15-21

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 331
“To The Hills I Lift My Eyes”

*The Confession: 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 Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 363
“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing our sung prayer of illumination

**1. Be still and know that I am God, be still
and know that I am God, be still and
know that I am God.**

**3. In you, O Lord, we put our trust. In you, O
Lord, we put our trust. In you, O Lord, we
put our trust.**

Worship & Rejoice 450:1,3

The Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 (p.1615)

The Sermon: **“ONE NEEDFUL THING”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 378
“Lord of All Hopefulness”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Epilogue”

Raymond H. Haan

*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 in memory of **John Dykhouse**, who went to his heavenly home on September 21, 2020. Lovingly remembered by **Gwen Dykhouse and family**.

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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