

October 15, 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:

“Shepherd Me, O God”
“Organ Hymn”

Charles Callahan
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

His steadfast love endures forever.

As for us, our days are like the grass;

like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

And his righteousness is to children’s children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 732:1,2,3,5

“The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

The Meditation

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 438

“Give to the Winds Your Fears”

Remembering our Loved Ones

During this time all those who’ve died since our last remembrance service will be named and remembered.

After the naming, you are invited to come forward with the name of your loved one written on your card. Place the card in the offering basket and then light a candle for your loved one(s). Come forward down the middle aisle, and return to your seats by the side aisle.

The Memorial:

Merciful God, we praise you for these departed friends and loved ones. They were gifts from you, and through them you enriched our lives. Into your hands we have committed their spirits. Comfort us with the strong hope of the resurrection, and when our race is run, bring us to be with them in the light of your eternal presence.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, amen.

Prayer followed by a time of silence.

The silence concludes with the reading of John 8:12 and John 11:25.

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

* The Confession:

We long for that day when our bodies are raised,
the Lord wipes away our tears,

and we dwell forever in the presence of God.

We will take our place in the new creation,

where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,

and the Lord will be our light. 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.

Our World Belongs to God, paragraphs 56 & 57

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1,2,4

“When Peace Like a River”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

H. Alexander Matthews

*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

Rev. Kristy Manion, Chad Boorsma – assisting ministers

The October special offering is for Roosevelt Park Ministries. Roosevelt Park Ministries is a separate non-profit organization originally established by Deacons of Roosevelt Park Community CRC in conjunction with World Renew and which provides various community services and support programs for families, individuals and youth in Roosevelt Park Community and surrounding areas.

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