

November 19, 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:

“Toccatina in F Major”

Dieterich Buxtehude

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship – based on Psalm 146

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and lifts up those who are bowed down.

He cares for the orphan and the widow but frustrates the ways of the wicked.

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 518

“Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

The Hymn: “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”

**Lavish love, abundant beauty,
gracious gifts for heart and hand,
life that fills the soul and senses –
all burst forth at your command.
Lord, our Lord, eternal Father,
great Creator, God and Friend,
boundless power gave full expression
to your love which knows no end.**

**Who am I that you should love me,
meet my every need from birth?
why invest yourself so fully
in a creature made of earth?
In your loving heart you planned me,
fashioned me with greatest care;
through my soul you breathed your Spirit,
planted your own image there.**

**I am yours, eternal Father,
all my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to your glory,
form yourself in every part.
Lord, your love brings joy and gladness
flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being
rise to you, their source and goal.**

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The Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 (p. 1615)

The Sermon: “**INCONVENIENT CARE**”

The Prayer of Response

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 929

“See My Hands and Feet”

The Ordination for Chad Boorsma

The Introduction

The Instruction

The Vows of the Candidate

The Ordination and Laying on of Hands

Ordination concludes by singing:

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the Loving God, fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 749
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*The Promises of the Congregation

The Charge

The Greetings from Classis Grand Rapids South

The Time of Prayer:

Each section will begin by singing:

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Lift Up Your Hearts 896
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Prayers for the Ministry of Preaching and Worship

Prayers for the Ministry of Pastoral Care

Prayers for the Ministry of Spiritual Formation

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 869

“Here I Am, Lord”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Now Thank We All Our God” J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

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

Rev. John Steigenga – minister emeritus
Rev. Peter Jonker, Rev. Cal VanderMeyden,
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgists
Rev. Paul Sausser – greetings from Classis
Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Scott Stehouwer, Andy, Becca, Josh, Ellie & Hannah VandeGriend** in memory of **Nancy DeVos Stehouwer** on the anniversary of her passing. We are grateful to God for her example as a loving wife, mom, Nana and teacher to many.

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, who work in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

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