June 9, 2024

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:
 "Be Still, My Soul"
 Edwin Childs, Benjamin Culli, Kristina Langlois

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 121 I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber: indeed he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you, the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*The Opening Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 331</u> "To The Hills I Lift My Eyes"

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 441</u> "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" *sing the optional refrain only after verse 3*

*The Confession: Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith, leads us into truth, and helps us to pray, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 4 & 29a

*The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 440</u> "He Leadeth Me"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Genesis 16 (p.21)

The Sermon: "HOPE IN THE DESERT TIMES OF LIFE"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 339</u> "He Knows My Name"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: Amen.

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: "Toccata on *How Firm a Foundation*" Claude Murphree

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

> Rev. Henry Admiraal – guest minister Rachel Thorne – liturgist Sara Good – organist

Rev. Henry Admiraal is a retired pastor in the CRC. During his pastorate he served at Seymour and Westend CRCs.

Ordinary Time is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. This season for spiritual growth is represented in the liturgical colors of blue and green. The banners and paraments reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly rooted by the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God's word. By doing so, we find life, experience deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Ralph Ondersma** – our dear husband, father, and grandfather. **The Ondersma Family**

The June special offering is for **Pine Rest Patient Assistance Fund:** Part of Pine Rest Foundation Fund offering financial assistance for individuals, families and children who need care.

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