July 28, 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:

"Theme and Variations on How Can I Keep from Singing"

Benjamin M. Culli

"Prelude and Fugato on Beautiful Savior"

Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-6

*The Opening Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 17</u>

"Beautiful Savior"

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Reading: Colossians 1:15-27

The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 869</u> "Here I Am, Lord"

*The Confession: The Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*The Sung Response: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-21 (p.420)

The Sermon: "THE LAMP OF GOD"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 443</u> "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: Amen.

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Allegro from the Organ Concerto No. 13"

G. F. Handel

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

Erin Alley – minister Norma deWaal Malefyt– organist

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a time of spiritual growth. The banners are hung in the diptych form but instead of being attached together they are side by side yet separated. Both the banners and paraments reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God's word.

The July special offering is for Westminster Food Pantry. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live