

August 25, 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:

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

David Blackwell, Robert Buckley Farlee,
David Lasky

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 515:1,2,4,5,6

“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 56:1-8

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 594:1,2,4

“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”

*The Confession:

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control, and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
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.**

God holds this world with fierce love.

Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:

**sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.**

Even now, as history unfolds in ways we know only in part,
we are assured that God is with us in our world,
**holding all things in tender embrace and bending them to
his purpose.**

The confidence that the Lord is faithful
gives meaning to our days and hope to our years.

The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 1,4,5,12

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 555:1,2

“Let All Creation’s Wonders”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded with singing:

**1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of
the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh
on me.**

**2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us
one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble,
caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill
our lives with love.**

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The Scripture: Luke 7:1-10 (p. 1604)

The Sermon: **“THE SURPRISING CENTURION”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,4,5,7,8

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Robert Hobby

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Rob Hobgood – 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 flowers on the chancel today are given by **Matt and Deb Vogel** in loving memory of **Al and Eleanor Vogel**.

The August special offering is for **Home Repair Services**. Home Repair Services provides lower income families housing support, home repairs, financial counseling and home maintenance education and classes.

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