August 4, 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:

"Dawn Hymn"

Alan Hovhaness

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

Karl Osterland

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 667</u> "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 60:1-3, 15-22

The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 476</u> "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

*The Confession: Our World Belongs to God Par. 55 & 56

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule will be crushed. His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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.

*The Hymn of Response: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 539</u> "O Day of Peace"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Romans 13:8-14 (p.2420)

The Sermon: "THE DAWNING DAY"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 478</u> "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: Amen.

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

South African Folk Song, arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

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

> Rev. Ruth Boven – guest minister Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Rev. Ruth Boven served as LaGrave's Minister of Congregational Care until her retirement.

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 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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