

September 15, 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:

“Chant Vespéral (Evening Song)”

Rachel Laurin

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Ashley Grote

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Richard Elliott

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: based on 1 Timothy 1:12-14,17

We thank Jesus Christ our Lord, who has given us strength and considers us trustworthy to serve in his kingdom. Even though we sin and fall short of this calling at times, we are shown mercy, and the grace of our Lord is poured out on us abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 579

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

The Hymn: *Worship & Rejoice 442:1,3,4*

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Praying Like Paul

The Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 1815)

The Meditation

The Song of Response: “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

LUYH 334:2

The Prayer – *concluded 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!

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The Scripture: Colossians 1:9-12 (p. 1829)

The Meditation

The Song of Response: “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say.

LUYH 334:1

The Prayer – *concluded by singing:*

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (*see words above*)

The Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (p. 1840)

The Meditation

The Song of Response: “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

LUYH 334:5

The Prayer – *concluded by singing:*

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (*see words above*)

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 86

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 739

“I Surrender All”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Charles Ore

“Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.”

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

Chad Boorsma – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Deb Ondersma, Jolene DeHeer, Paul TenBrink – prayer servants

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. Notice the liturgical colors for Ordinary Time, blue and green, are now lighter and changing in color. Along with the addition of texture, they symbolize elements of growth and the passage of time. As we continue through this time, reflect on these concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his

grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life's challenges and remain firm in our faith.

The flowers on the chancel today are in celebration of **Rev. Gerald Paul Vander Hart's 90th birthday.**

The September special offering is for the **Pregnancy Resource Center.** Services include abstinence education, testing, prayer, consultation, information about pregnancy/birth control/adoption, the distribution of food/formula/diapers/baby clothes.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live