

## September 29, 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:

“Chorale and Prelude on Genevan Psalm 124”

John Ourensma

“Solemn Prelude”

Alec Rowley

O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 51:1-3

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the Lord:

**Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn.**

Look to Abraham, your father,  
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

**When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.**

The Lord will surely comfort Zion  
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
**he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.**  
Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
**thanksgiving and the sound of singing.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 131, Isaiah 40:13-18

My heart is not proud, Lord,  
my eyes are not haughty;

**I do not concern myself with great matters  
or things too wonderful for me.**

But I have calmed and quieted myself,  
I am like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child I am content.

**Israel, put your hope in the Lord  
both now and forevermore.**

Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord,  
or instruct the Lord as his counselor?

**Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him,  
and who taught him the right way?**

Who was it that taught him knowledge,  
or showed him the path of understanding?

**Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;  
they are regarded as dust on the scales;  
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.**

Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,  
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.

**Before him all the nations are as nothing;  
they are regarded by him as worthless  
and less than nothing.**

With whom, then, will you compare God?  
To what image will you liken him?

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 579:1,3,4

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

\*The Confession of Faith:

What then must a Christian believe?

**All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is  
taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed  
Christian faith.**

What are these articles?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 22 & 23*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 553:1,3,4  
“How Great Thou Art”

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded by singing:*

- 1. May thy rich grace impart strength to my  
fainting heart, my zeal inspire. As thou hast died  
for me, O may my love to thee, pure, warm, and  
changeless be, a living fire!**
- 2. While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around  
me spread, be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn  
to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever  
stray from thee aside.**

The Scripture: Proverbs 26:4-5 (p. 1024)

The Sermon: “ANSWER THE FOOL. OR DON’T”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 225

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Solemn Recession”

Thomas Pavlechko

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

**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 memory of Bob Wassenaar who passed away 5 years ago today, September 29, 2019. Our family gives God thanks for his life with us and his strong Christian faith.

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

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