

## September 8, 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:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”  
“Trumpet Tune”  
“Gather Us In”

Raymond H. Haan  
Georg Philipp Telemann  
John A. Behnke

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 529:1,2,4  
“Gather Us In”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 659:1-3  
“Nearer, Still Nearer”

\*The Confession of Faith:

How are you righteous before God?  
**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.**  
**Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments,**

**of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.**  
**All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.**

*Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 60*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 772  
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded by The Lord’s Prayer in unison:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 (p. 1630)

The Sermon: **“A PHARISEE, A TAX COLLECTOR, AND ME”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 691  
“Amazing Grace”  
*stanza 4 a cappella*

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Michael Burkhardt

*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 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](http://lagrave.org/live)

