October 13, 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:

"Pastorale, Chorale and Reverie on *How Firm a Foundation*"

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"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Cesáreo Gabaraín

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Read antiphonally in Spanish, then in English

*The Opening Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 594</u> "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

*The Greeting – spoken in Spanish

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Reading: Hebrews 11:32-40

The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 432:1,2,3,5</u> "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

*The Confession of Faith:

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraph 41

The Instrumental Response: "I Surrender All" Winfield Weeden All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all; all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing:

"Digno es Jesús/Worthy Is Christ"

Sing twice, first in English and then in Spanish

Worthy is Christ, worthy is Christ; to him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

He gave his life, he died for me; to him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

Digno_es Jesús, digno_es Jesús; de recibir la gloria, digno es Jesús.

Su vida dio, por mí murió; de recibir la gloria, digno es Jesús.

Lift Up Your Hearts 605

The Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. 708)

The Sermon: "I WILL BE WITH YOU"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 427</u> "How Firm a Foundation"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: Amen.

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Finale on *How Firm a Foundation*"

Janet Linker

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

Rev. Yordanys Diaz – minister Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist Abimael Diaz – pianist Briana Alonso – violinist Vanessa Abreu – interpreter

Violinist **Briana Alonso** and pianist **Abimael Diaz** are originally from Jaguey Grande, Cuba and are both currently students at Grand Rapids Christian High School. Abimael is the son of Rev. Yordanys Diaz and Briana and her mother Yudelis recently joined LaGrave. We welcome these young musicians to worship and ask God's blessing on their music ministry.

The October special offering is for As You Are (AYA). AYA is a downtown youth collective with focus on ages 14-24 experiencing housing crisis/homelessness, counseling and basic support resources. AYA owns 9 homes providing affordable transition shelter and assists 400+ annually.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live