

October 20, 2024
Service of Remembrance

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:

“Adagio in A Minor”
“Aria”

J.S. Bach
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 103 Litany

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

His steadfast love endures forever.

As for us, our days are like the grass;

Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting

and his righteousness is to children’s children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 439***

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: John 11:32-44 (p. 1669)

The Meditation: **“JESUS AT THE GRAVESIDE”**

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Remembering our Loved Ones

During this time, all those who’ve died since our last remembrance service will be named and remembered.

After the naming, you are invited to come forward with the name(s) of a loved one you would like to remember written on your bulletin insert. Place the insert in the basket up front. A pastor will read the names.

After sharing your names, you may take a votive from the other basket. Let one of the candle lighters light your candle. Once lit, place the votive on the table and return to your seat by a side aisle.

The Memorial

Merciful God, we praise you for these departed friends and loved ones.

They were gifts from you, and through them you enriched our lives.

Into your hands we have committed their spirits.

Comfort us with the strong hope of the resurrection,

and when our race is run,

bring us to be with them in the light of your eternal presence.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray, amen.

followed by an extended time of silence and concluded with a pastoral prayer.

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1,2,4

“When Peace Like a River”

*The Confession:

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.

On that day we will see our Savior face to face,

sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious.

He will set all things right, judge evil, and condemn the wicked.

We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior,

whose shed blood declares us righteous.

We live confidently, anticipating his coming,

offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness,

our loyalty, and our love—

knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 56 & 57

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 489

“By the Sea of Crystal”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Epilogue”

Raymond H. Haan

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

The flowers on the chancel today celebrate the **96th birthday of Faith Hondorp**, a lifetime member of LaGrave. Thanks be to God! *The Phil and Marie Huizena family*

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

