

**October 6, 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:

“Adagio espressivo, from *Sonata No. 2*”

Josef Rheinberger

“Deep River”

Raymond H. Haan

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 35:3-10

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Luke 17:20-35

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 478:1-4

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

\*The Confession of Faith:

Our hope for a new creation is not tied  
to what humans can do,

for we believe that one day  
every challenge to God’s rule  
will be crushed.

His kingdom will fully come,

and the Lord will rule.

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 55 & 57

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 488

“Jerusalem the Golden”

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

*concluded by singing:*

“I Need Your Help, O Lord My God”

**1. I need your help, O Lord my God; do not ignore my  
plea. For I am restless and distraught; O hear and  
answer me. If I had wings, I’d fly away into the  
wilderness to find a quiet, sheltered place where I could  
be at rest.**

**2. Long as I live and troubles rise, my God, on you I’ll  
call. You hold the righteous in your arms, you will not  
let them fall. I cast my cares upon you, Lord, you give  
me strength anew. You see me through each anxious  
day; my God, I trust in you.**

*Lift Up Your Hearts 664*

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The Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33 (p. 1508)

The Sermon: **“THE HARDEST PARABLE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 470

“View the Present Through the Promise”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Richard Elliott

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – 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 in the chancel today** are given in loving memory of **Dr. and Mrs. Lee S. Huizenga**. Dr. Huizenga was commissioned at LaGrave on 10/10/1920 and faithfully supported by LaGrave for 25 years, until his death in a Japanese concentration camp in Shanghai. He was the CRC’s first medical missionary to China. Thanks be to God! *The Huizenga 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.

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