

# November 17, 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:

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

David Cherwien, Kevin Hildebrand, Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening Prayer: (based on Psalm 46)

Lord, we come to worship you with praise and thanksgiving,  
**for you are our refuge and strength,  
the One who is always with us.**

We come to commune with you as we spend time in prayer,  
**for you are our refuge and strength,  
the One who is always with us.**

We come to hear from your Word, the guidebook for our lives,  
**for you are our refuge and strength,  
the One who is always with us.**

Here us now, O Lord, as we still our hearts and  
quiet our minds for worship...

*(time of silent prayer)*

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 432:1,2,3,5

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: (based on *Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27-28*)

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever-present power of God upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that all things come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future, we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.**

For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand  
**that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 437

“Day by Day”

The Moment for Missions: Jim & Ruth Padilla-DeBorst

The Prayer of Response and Illumination

The Scripture: Psalm 142 (p. 977)

The Sermon: **“CRIES FROM THE CAVE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 191

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

The Pastoral Prayer

*The song below, based on Psalm 142, will be sung as part of our prayer.*

Pour out your mer-cy, Lord. We bring our cries to

you. Pour out your mer-cy, Lord. We lift our voice to you.

\*The Hymn of Sending: Lift Up Your Hearts 932:1,3,4

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

Gordon Young

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

Chad Boorsma – minister  
Sara Good – organist

**The flowers on the chancel today** are given by **Scott Stehouwer, Andy, Becca, Josh, Ellie & Hannah VandeGriend** in memory of **Nancy DeVos Stehouwer** on the anniversary of her passing. We are grateful to God for her example as a loving wife, mom, Nana and teacher to many.

**The November special offering** is for **World Renew**, who work in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

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