

November 24, 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:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Let All Things Now Living”

Michael Bedford

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Alan Bullard

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening Prayer: (based on Psalm 46)

Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

The Lord sustains the humble, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 549

“O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: *Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 26, 28*

What do you believe when you say,

“I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

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 21

“This Is My Father’s World”

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 443:1,3,4

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

The Reading: Psalm 65

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 6:1,3

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

Selections from the Congregation

(some possible Thanksgiving hymns are listed below, but you may choose other favorites as well)

Lift Up Your Hearts

1, 5, 19, 196, 348, 357, 358, 397, 398, 473, 543, 560, 575, 585

Worship & Rejoice

81, 291, 363, 365, 518, 570, 651, 720, 722, 725

The Pastoral Prayer -

Our prayer will be in three sections. Each section will end with singing:

...for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, Christ our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

*The Concluding Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 387

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

Malcolm Archer

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

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Norma, Marc, and Christine Hoeksema** in loving memory of **Calvin Lenard Hoeksema** on the 5th anniversary of his passing. We rejoice that we will see him again. We rejoice

that God, through Christ's death and resurrection, opens the way to everlasting joy through faith in Him.

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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