

**November 12, 2017**

*Stewardship Sunday*

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. An asterisk (\*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

### **MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM**

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.*

#### **God Calls Us to Worship**

The Prelude: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

J. S. Bach

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Carsten Klomp

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Mark Albrecht

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son" (8:40)

Healey Willan

*Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, mysterious Godhead, Three in One, before thy throne we sinners bend; grace, pardon, life, to us extend.*

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (11:00) arr. Douglas Wagner  
Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 523

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

\*The Greeting

\*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

#### **We Humbly Approach God**

The Call to Confession: Galatians 5:16-18; 22-25 (pg. 1812)

The Prayer of Confession:

#### **Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.**

We belong to your realm; yet sometimes we travel to the far country, unable or unwilling to discern your ways from our own. Forgive us and redirect us. We depend on you.

#### **Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.**

Lord, where your Spirit is, there is freedom: freedom to run in the paths of your truth, freedom to cultivate lives of grace, freedom to work and play in your kingdom that has come, and is coming.

#### **Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.**

In Christ's name, amen.

Concluded by singing:

"Comfort for My Life Is Found"

1. Com-fort for my life is found in the  
2. From now on I'll live for you, ready,  
  
Lord who hemms me round. Life does  
will - ing, blessed and new. Life e -  
  
not be-long to me; Je-sus Christ has set me  
ter - nal is as - sured, justice done and sickness  
  
free. By his blood my sin is  
cured. Spir-it, send your wind through  
  
paid; in his hands my life is laid.  
me, my whole heart your sail will be.

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The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 8:14-17 (pg. 1755)

\*The Hymn of Response: "I Believe in God Almighty"

**1. I believe in God Almighty, Father of all things that be,  
Maker of the earth and heavens, Keeper of the sky and  
sea. I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord**

**and Christ, of the Spirit, and of Mary, born to bring  
abundant life.**

- 2. I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned  
and crucified, taken from the cross, was buried, true  
Life there had truly died. I believe that on the third  
day, Christ was raised up from the grave, then  
ascended to God's right hand, he will come to judge  
and save.**
- 3. I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints  
within one Church, catholic and holy, where  
forgiveness frees from sin, in the body's resurrection,  
for the breaking of death's chain gives the life that's  
everlasting. This the faith that I have claimed.**

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#### **We Respond with Thanksgiving**

The Children's Message

Leader: What is our prayer for these children?

**Congregation: The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

(Children, 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"O Light of Life!" (8:40)

Mack Wilberg

*O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine! Thou art in us; our  
ember is thine. Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear,  
deepen our love — thy fire appear! Light of our souls, thou  
spark at our birth — grow bright in us, shine in all the earth!*

*O Light of Life! O true Light of Peace! Storms will arise, let  
thy light increase. Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to  
the proud; let thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed. Answer  
our pleas, melt hearts in thy flame. Make us as one — as one  
in thy name.*

*O Light of Life! O sweet Life of Grace! Thou bidst us come,  
we follow apace. On through the night, walk with us we pray.  
Lead us to dawn, thy merciful way.*

*O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love! Come, wash us clean,  
send forth thy white Dove. Fill us with fire, enlighten our  
eyes; help us to love — 'tis price of the prize. Then let us  
come, enrobe us in white, cleaving to thee, light unto thy  
Light. Light unto Light, O Light of Life! Amen.*

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The Anthem: "Just as I Am" (11:00)

arr. Cathy Moklebust

The Offertory: "Pastorale on *Come Down, O Love Divine*"  
Frank Stoldt

#### The Offering

*Today's offering is for World Renew and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund. (Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)*

#### \*The Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

#### *God Speaks to Us*

\*The Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 53

- Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit?"  
A. **First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

The Scripture: Acts 2:29-47 (pg. 1692)

The Sermon: "**WORDS ON THE WALL: GOD HAS POURED OUT HIS SPIRIT**"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

#### *We Go in His Peace*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 618  
"Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart"  
(please sing verse 3 *a cappella*)

\*The Benediction

\*The People's Response: **Amen.**

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: "Come, O Creator Spirit, Come (Come As Fire) from *Partita on Veni Creator Spiritus*" Larry Visser

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist; Ruth Bylsma – flutist

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director (11:00)

Mary and Ken Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Elsie VandenBosch and Emily Beidler – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Music at LaGrave (8:40):** Mack Wilberg is Music Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. His arrangements and compositions are performed and recorded all around the world. Wilberg's peaceful and gentle anthem *O Light of Life* is a prayer to the Holy Spirit. The recurring main theme of the anthem is a melody made up of wide-leaping intervals, first sung by the women, then by the men. The third stanza is in four-part harmony, building to the fourth stanza which begins in unison, but soon breaks into harmony. Wilberg brings the piece to a quiet close with the melody stated one final time, now with elongated rhythm, followed by an Amen.

The flowers on the chancel are in memory of my parents, Marvin and Corinne Kuipers, who passed away many years ago, and my only sibling, Sharon Vander Wall, who passed away four years ago.

**Renee Kuipers**

**The November special offering** is for World Renew. World Renew envisions a world where people experience and extend Christ's compassion and live together in hope as God's community. World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation through a threefold ministry of Community Development, Disaster Response & Rehabilitation, Peace and Justice. Our offering will be distributed between world hunger and disaster relief.

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