

November 19, 2017

Stewardship Commitment 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, 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.

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:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
“Let All Things Now Living”

Duane Funderburk
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The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”
Sing to the Lord a new song, a new song, a new song!
For he has done marvelous things!

Karle Erickson
Psalm 98:1

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

(All who are able, please sing descant on stanza 4.)
(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: Romans 12:3-8 (pg. 1761)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church, to use the gifts and**

talents you have given so that your kingdom can grow. Yet we confess that we have used those gifts for our own good and not for the good of others. We confess that sometimes we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from using our gifts for your purposes and being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts with your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful 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 hems 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.

Text: Peter Jonker
Music: Larry Visser
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The Assurance of Forgiveness: I John 1:9 (pg. 1899)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 746:1,3

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship: (11:00)

Jessica Klop, Megan Molenbeek

The Profession of Faith: (11:00)

**John Postma, Chase Scholtens, Georgie Scholtens,
Chad Scholtens**

*The Hymn of Response (11:00): Lift Up Your Hearts 693

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

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, 4-2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Missions Moment

The Anthem: “Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls”

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold, and then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

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The Offertory: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Heather Sorenson

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 54

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church?”

A. **I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

The Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 1814)

The Sermon: **“WORDS ON THE WALL: GATHERED, PROTECTED, AND PRESERVED”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 251

“The Church’s One Foundation”

During the singing of the hymn, the deacons will collect your 2018 Stewardship Commitment envelopes.

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Gordon Young, Austin Lovelace

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist; pianist

Ashley Grace Stephenson – violinist, Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

Vocal Ensemble, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Laurie and Tom Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dan and Julie Molenbeek – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave:

Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953) has emerged as one of the most sought after conductors, lecturers, and composers in the choral music field. His nearly 100 pieces have sold over a million-and-a-half copies and have been performed in

venues around the globe. He is currently Director of Choral Activities at Oklahoma State University. *Come Dwell in Solomon’s Walls* (a commissioned anthem) invited us to dwell in the house of God, a place where “wisdom, righteousness, justice and holiness join.” Stroope’s gift of expressive writing is evident in the anthem’s quiet beginning and gradual build to a glorious climax.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.