

November 5, 2017

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* 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 for Strings”

Samuel Barber

“Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“In Our Day of Thanksgiving”

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer for the saints who before us received the reward; when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed, but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

Sing praise then, and thanks that God's love here has found them whose journey is ended, whose perils are past; they believed in the light, and its glory is round them, where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

*The Call to Worship:

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

His steadfast love endures forever.

As for us, our days are grass;

like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

and his righteousness is to children's children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 614

“Come, You Disconsolate”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Bible Reading: Job 13:28-14:6 (pg. 801)

Psalm 22:1-11 (pg. 857)

The Sermon: **“THE CONTOURS OF GRIEF”**

The Anthem:

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace”

Moses Hogan

Lord, we shall walk in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk in peace. We will meet our loved ones there. For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no more trials there. For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

Remembering our Loved Ones

During this time, all those who've died since our last remembrance service will be named and remembered.

After the naming, you are invited to come forward with the name and remembrance of your loved one written on the card in your bulletin. Cards will be placed on the communion table.

The Memorial

Merciful God, we praise you for these departed friends and loved ones. They were gifts from you, and through them you enriched our lives.

Into your hands we have committed their spirits.

Comfort us with the strong hope of the resurrection, and when our race is run, bring us to be with them in the light of your eternal presence.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord we pray, amen.

prayer followed by time of silence

The Anthem: “Lux aeterna from *Requiem*”

John Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors;” even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

(Translation) Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace. Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual shine on them forever.

English translation by John Rutter

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The Placing of the Pall

The funeral pall is an ancient Christian symbol of the resurrection. The pall reminds us that those who belong to Jesus have been clothed in Christ, so even in death they are covered by Jesus' love and his resurrection promises. Before the placing of the pall, we will read Galatians 3:27. After the placing of the pall, we will read Romans 6:3-5. These passages remind us that our sin is covered by his blood and our death is overcome by his resurrection.

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1,3,4

“When Peace Like a River”

*The Confession: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty. From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 254:1,5
“For All the Saints”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:
“For All the Saints” Rudy Zuiderveld, Raymond H. Haan

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 Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 489
“By the Sea of Crystal”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Oh, What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be”
Raymond H. Haan
Oh, what their joy and their glory must be, those endless Sabbaths the blessed
ones see! Crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be all, and in all
ever blest.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director
Kathryn Becksvoort – anthem soloist

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory and to honor their
mother and grandmother, Wilma H. Sandstra, who died November 7,
2013. From **Rob & Anita, Richard & Sarah, and Jason Entingh.**

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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