

February 11, 2018

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:

“Pastorale”

Louis Niedermeyer

“Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Wilbur Held, Daniel S. Pinkston

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say” (8:40)

I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to the house of God.” And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!

*Refrain: Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God’s justice be ever near.*

For the peace of all nations, pray: for God’s peace within your homes. May God’s lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem. (Refrain)

Psalm 122

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“Lord of all Hopefulness” (11:00)

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

(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:

Here is the message we have heard from Jesus and announce to you. God is light. There is no darkness in him at all.

Suppose we say that we share life with God but still walk in the darkness. Then we are lying. We are not living out the truth.

But suppose we walk in the light, just as he is in the light. Then we share life with one another. And the blood of Jesus, his Son, makes us pure from all sin.

I John 1:5-7, NIV

Let us walk in the light of Jesus as we pray this prayer together:

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you are good to us. You welcome us. You feed us. You invite us to know you and love you more. Sometimes we ignore your goodness and your welcome. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to respond to you with joyful thanks. And move us to offer your welcome to all people. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me – he who died, heaven’s gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! (3 times)

The Bible tells me so.

LUYH 709:2

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn it; he came to save us.

John 3:17

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 369

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Will Arise” (8:40)

David Ashley White

Come, you sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

The Handbell Anthem:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (11:00)

Cathy Moklebust

The Offertory:

“Come to the Savior Now”

No vain excuses frame, respond to Christ today!

None who to Jesus came were ever sent away.

Larry Visser

The Offering

Today’s offering is for Safe Haven Ministries 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 Scripture: Luke 14:12-24 (pg. 1624)

The Sermon: **“TABLE MANNERS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 840:1,2,4
“Behold the Lamb”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Praeludium in G Minor”

Nicholas Bruhns

Rev. Peter Jonker –minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Sarah Horton – clarinetist

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

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

Marlene Padding and Sher Engbers – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

The flowers on the Chancel today are in loving memory of
Jack Tyler Boerema and Grandpa Jack Boerema.

Remembered by Betty Boerema, Norm & Terri (Riley,
Klaudia, and Martyna) Boerema, and John & Glenie
(Tatiana, Anna) Hamersma.

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Cathy Moklebust (b. 1959) is among the most popular handbell conductors, clinicians, and composers in our country. Her hundreds of published pieces have been described as “pure joy to ring and listen to, having a uniquely delightful sense of melodic and rhythmic interaction, with elegant form and style.” Her setting of *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* was commissioned by Providence Baptist Church in Charleston, South Carolina in memory of a former ringer at the church who passed away. Both the handbells and handchimes are utilized in this beautiful piece which includes a variety of tempos and dynamic ranges.

The February special offering is for Safe Haven Ministries which provides domestic violence services. Their residential and non-residential services are available to women and their children who have experienced or who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Tonight Rev. Jonker will have a series of meditations on the early life of Abram. He will refer to stories from Genesis 12-13.



Ash Wednesday Service – February 14: In an Ash Wednesday service, which marks the beginning of Lent, we are reminded of our mortality, confess our sins, and prepare ourselves for the journey toward Easter. The "imposition of ashes" is a central part of this service. Rev. Ruth Boven will lead the service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. You are also welcome to join the GEMS and Scouts' devotions, which will include imposition of ashes, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.