

## February 18, 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.

### EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

"O Man, Lament Your Great Sin" Johann Sebastian Bach  
"My Song Is Love Unknown" Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"  
*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.*

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.*

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\*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 110:1,2,4,5***

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

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

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 53:1-7 (pg. 1147)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 170:1-4

"Man of Sorrows – What a Name"

The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 31 and 32

Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

**Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.**

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 831:1-3

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

The Pastoral Prayer:

The Anthem:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend  
arr. Benjamin Harlin

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure; that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished; his dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.*

*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

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The Offertory:

"Savior, When in Dust to You"

Paul Manz

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (pg. 1770)

The Sermon: **"MAJESTICALLY BACKWARDS"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 167

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

arr. Peter Niedmann

Rev. Scott Hoezee – guest minister  
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist  
Brian Bartusch – organist, pianist  
Renee VandeWege – vocalist

We welcome back to our pulpit tonight **Reverend Scott Hoezee**. Scott has been a frequent guest minister here at LaGrave. He is also the Director of the Center for Excellence in preaching at Calvin Seminary.

**Renee VandeWege** is the Freshman Choir director at Rockford Public Schools. She also teaches elementary music and maintains a private voice studio. Renee attends Calvary Church. Welcome, Renee, to worship at LaGrave and may God bless your music ministry among us this evening.

**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.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).