

February 4, 2018

Scout 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:

“Amazing Grace”

Hubert Laws

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“All That Hath Life and Breath”

René Clausen

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia, praise him! Praise him, laud him, alleluia!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

(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:

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to make us like trees planted by the waterside, that we will be good soil that brings forth fruits of good living in due season. Forgive our past offenses; give us courage to remove the rocks and thorns and things in our lives that keep us from bearing fruit. Sanctify us now, and direct all that we should be in the future. For Christ's sake. 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 691

“Amazing Grace”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Ministry Moment

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:

“The Lord's Prayer”

David N. Childs

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever, and ever. Amen.

The Offertory:

“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

Mark Albrecht

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: Matthew 13:1-9 (pg. 1520)

The Sermon: “**SEED SCATTERING**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 755

“Speak, O Lord”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation”

Charles Ore

*How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!*

Rev. Peter Jonker –minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Ruth Bylsma – flutist
Chancel Choir Men, Merle Mustert – director
Nate and Jake Versluis – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Johnathan Pewee, Brandon Monterroso – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)
Bradley Buter, Owen Broene, Jude Westra – Readers
Ben Buter, Blake Huizenga, Vinn Le – Ministry Moment

Music at LaGrave

New Zealand-born composer David N. Childs (b. 1969) has received numerous choral anthem commissions from around the world. He is currently director of music at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas and also the artistic director and founder of Vox Humana, a Nashville-based choir of 24 professional singers. Childs' setting of the Lord's Prayer for men's voices is simplistic and syllabic, allowing the text to be understood clearly. A brief flute introduction and interlude embellishes the piece which reaches a climax at "For thine is the kingdom" and concludes with a peaceful "Amen."

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

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 preach on Psalm 61; his sermon is entitled: "From the Ends of the Earth."