

February 4, 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. 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:

"Refuge and Rock"

David Johnson

Variations on "How I Love You, Lord, My God"

Janet Linker

Both of these pieces are based on settings of Psalm 18 which can also be found in *Lift Up Your Hearts*

"God Himself Is with Us"

arr. Kevin McChesney

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "Within the Shelter of the Lord"

Within the shelter of the Lord, at home in his unfailing care, we trust in his eternal strength to rescue us from every snare: how safe it is, this hiding place beneath his everlasting wings; how strong a fortress is our God, the Mighty One, the King of kings.

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*The Opening Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 74

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The New Testament Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 1524)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 660

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own,
but belong body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 1

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 781
"My Only Comfort"

The Pastoral Prayer:

Tonight's prayer will be in three parts.
Each section will end with the minister saying,
"Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer."

Congregation will respond to those words as follows:
Lift Up Your Hearts 903 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

After section 1 – vs. 1
After section 2 – vs. 1
After section 3 – vs. 2

The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Light" Frances Allitsen
The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then, shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me upon a rock of stone.
Psalm 27

The Offertory: "Psalm 61: Listen to My Cry, Lord" Robert Hobby

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: Psalm 61 (pg. 896)

The Sermon: "**FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 426
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*The Benediction

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

*The Handbell Benediction

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace) arr. Kevin McChesney

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: "Recession"

Craig Sellar Lang

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Youth Handbell Quartet, Kurt Stroh – director
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist

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 are experiencing domestic abuse.

