March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Christian Education 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
"She Will Hang the Night with Stars" William Hofeldt
"Fantasy on *Wondrous Love*" Carlos Colon

The Chiming of the Hour

The Instrumental Introit: Hans Leo Hassler; harm. J. S. Bach
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory and blessing you have known!
Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Erin DeYoung
(Please rise at the conductor's cue)
Introduction
Verse 1: All in unison
Brief Interlude
Verse 2: All in unison
Brief Interlude
Verse 3: All in unison
Brief Coda

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

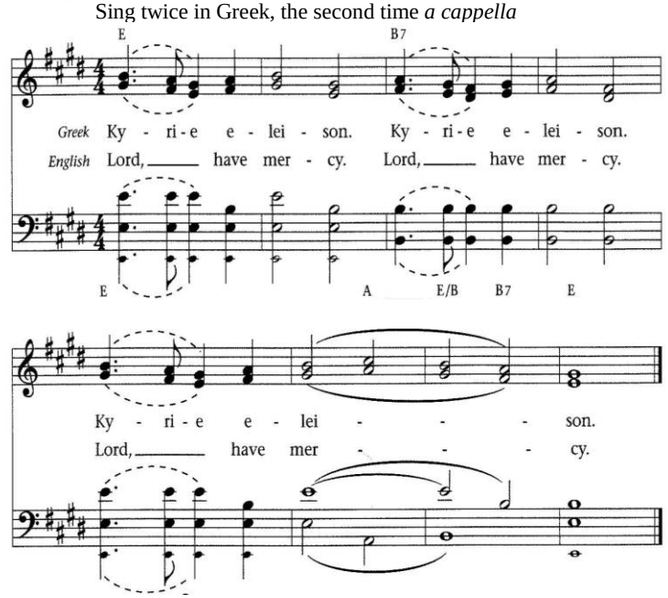
The Call to Confession: James 3:13-18 (pg. 1882)

The Prayer of Confession:
Search me, O God, and know my heart,
try me and know my thoughts;
see if there is any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil. We are sinful and unwilling to think and act the way you want us to. We are jealous and envious of others. We want things that others have, regardless of our need. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in your service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

time of silent confession concluded with…

"Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy" LUYH 635
Sing twice in Greek, the second time *a cappella*



The Assurance of Forgiveness:
The Lord will not always treat us as our sins deserve.
He knows how we are formed. He remembers that we are dust.
Jesus Christ came to the world to save sinners.
He bore our sins in his body on the cross.
Thanks be to God for his amazing grace.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts: 366
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Greg Scheer
Brief Introduction
Verse 1: All in unison
Brief Interlude
Verse 2: All in unison
Brief Interlude
Verse 3: All in harmony, sung *a cappella*
Brief Interlude
Verse 4: All in unison
Brief Coda

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 Ministry Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Claude T. Smith

The Offering:
Today's offering is for Mel Trotter 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.)

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16 (pg. 6)

The Sermon: **"SEVEN DEADLY SINS: ENVY"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 859 Carlos Colon
"Be Thou My Vision"
Brief Introduction
Verse 1: All in unison
Verse 2: All in unison
Verse 3: All in unison
Brief Interlude
Verse 4: All in unison
Brief Coda

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
"St. Paul's Suite" Gustav Holst
IV. The Dargason

Rev. Peter Jonker –minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Calvin Christian High School Orchestra
Karel deWaal Malefyt – director
Catherine Kortman – pianist
Claire Zwiers and Luke Uekert – Ministry Moment
Ella and Grace Walcott – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Lynn Setsma and Joanne Arnoys – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Welcome to the **Calvin Christian High School** (Grandville, Michigan) **Orchestra** this Christian Education Sunday. A 9th-12th grade orchestra, this ensemble has led worship services in area churches and at Calvin College's Worship Symposium, and regularly participates in District and State Festivals. While some students take lessons privately, many in this ensemble have joined because they love music, they love to play it, and because they love the community the ensemble provides. The orchestra is directed by LaGrave member **Karel deWaal Malefyt**, and LaGrave member **Morgan Busscher** is also a member of the orchestra.

Music at LaGrave:
Two of the congregational hymns sung this morning are arranged for orchestra by Carlos Colon and Greg Scheer. Colon, an El Salvador native, is a composer, Coordinator for Worship Initiatives at Baylor University, Resident Scholar at the Baylor Institute for the Studies of Religion, and a frequent presenter at the Calvin Worship Symposium. An accomplished composer and arranger, Greg Scheer is a former director of music at Church of the Servant and currently a music associate at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

The March special offering is for Mel Trotter Ministries. Mel Trotter Ministries exists to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ, through rescue and restoration for anyone experiencing hunger and homelessness. They provide services including job training, food, emergency and long term shelter support and a community center.

Tonight Rev. Kristy Manion will preach on Luke 3:1-18. Her sermon is titled: "What Should We Do?"

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.