

April 15, 2018

The Third Sunday of Eastertide

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:

“Partita on *This Joyful Eastertide*” Paul Bouman
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord” Aaron David Miller

The Chiming of the Hour

The Handbell Introit: (8:40)

“The Church’s One Foundation” (8:40) arr. Charles Peery
Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, in love may dwell with thee.

The Choral Introit: (11:00)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise. Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence
evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 179:1,2,4

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

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

*The Greeting – concluded by the minister saying
“Christ is risen!”

*The People’s Response: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

We Commit to the Resurrection Life

The Call to Discipleship: Luke 9:23-25 (pg. 1611)

The Prayer of Confession: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,4
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Promise: Romans 8:14-16 (pg. 1755)

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship:

(8:40) **Joellah Bouwman, Bradley Nuiver**
(11:00) **Laura Brandt, Dylan Cole, Elizabeth Doezema,
Zikeli Mulder, Jacob Oosterhouse**

The Professions of Faith:

(8:40) **Tim VanBeek**
(11:00) **Grant Konyndyk, George Muresan**

*The Hymn of Praise: Worship & Rejoice 344
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message

(Children, 4-1st grade, may leave for Children’s Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Handbell Anthem: (8:40)

“Blessed Assurance” arr. Jason Krug

The Choral Anthem: (11:00)

“Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace” Samuel Sebastian Wesley
*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on
thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is
as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are
both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O
let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the glory, forevermore.*

Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 139:12, 119:175

The Offertory:

“He Leadeth Me” Charles Callahan
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

The Offering:

*Today’s offering is for Family Promise 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 in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 16:16-40 (pg. 1720)

The Sermon: **“PAUL, SILAS, AND THE
RESURRECTION ROAD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 206
“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Thine Is the Glory” Aaron David Miller

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Ivan Jekel and Renee Kuipers – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Evan and Susan Roelofs – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) was the grandson of celebrated 18th century hymn writer Charles Wesley, whose brother John founded Methodism. A renowned organist at several large cathedrals, Samuel Sebastian was the greatest composer in the English Cathedral tradition in the 19th century. The various sections of his anthem *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*, based on three Biblical passages, are composed in contrasting styles, dictated by the mood of each text.

The flowers in the chancel are given by **Joady Hoekstra, John & Shelly (Johnny, Sam) Schat; Jon & Jamie (Ally, James) VanHekken** in loving memory of **Jim Hoekstra**, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Family Promise is dedicated to helping homeless families by giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities, and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

Tonight, Rev. Boven will be preaching on Luke 24:13-35. Her sermon is entitled “We Had Hoped.” Also during the evening service, the **King’s Choraliers** will be enriching our service through the singing of sacred choral music.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.