

April 15, 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* 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:

“Easter Fanfare”

John Behnke

“Sonatina” (God’s Time Is Best)

Johann Sebastian Bach

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

Robert Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Breathe on Me, Breath of Jesus”

Ivor Wideen

Breathe, breath of Jesus, fill me with life anew. That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of Jesus, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine. Breathe on me, breath of Jesus, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 466

“Abide with Me”

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

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

*The Confession of Faith:

Why did Christ have to suffer death?

Because God’s justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

Why was he “buried?”

His burial testifies that he really died.

Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 40-43

The Response:

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Howard Helvey

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”

(Refrain) Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find thy power, and thine alone, can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.

(Refrain)

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim; I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb.

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. (Refrain)

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 1096)

The Response:

“And Can It Be?”

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should’st die for me?

He left his Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race. ‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O, my God, it found out me. Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. Tom Trenney

I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Shine! In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine! Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Shine!

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory Anthems:

“We Adore Thee, Christ Our Lord”

Kenneth Jennings

We adore thee, Christ our Lord. We bless thy holy name, O Lord. For by thy holy cross and blessed passion, O Christ, hast thou redeemed the world, O Lord God. Christ, have mercy on us.

“Forever King!”

Dan Forrest

Who is God, that we should praise him? Who is he, that we should sing? Who is this exalted Savior, crowned the everlasting King? Why fall at his feet in worship, alleluias to him bring?

Architect of every atom, Author of each passing hour, Chief of all the changing seasons, Maker of each field and flower, speaking all into existence, God of majesty and power!

Refrain: Morning stars, all sing together, shout for joy, ye sons of God! Rocks and stones, O be not silent, streams and rivers, give him laud! Clouds that frame the dome of heaven, sound your thunder and applaud!

Can creation fail to praise him? How can we refuse to sing? Come, fall at his feet in worship, alleluias to him bring! Reigning in eternal brightness, crown our Christ forever King! (Refrain)

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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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 1644)

The Sermon: “WE HAD HOPED”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 365:1,3
“I Serve a Risen Savior”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” J. Wayne Kerr

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister
Brian Bartusch – organist
The King's Choraliers, Ron Rogers – director
Chuck Brouwer – accompanist

The **King's Choraliers** male chorus has roots dating back to the 1950s. Currently under the direction of Ron Rogers, the choir has sung in a variety of venues both locally and across the nation and has also made several recordings. We thank the members of the King's Choraliers for enriching our worship through the singing of beautiful sacred choral music this evening.

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.

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