

April 29, 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
GEMS 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:

"Psalm-Prelude No. 2"

Herbert Howells

The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the light is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light to thee are both alike. (Psalm 139:11)

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

Philip Bliss, arr. Tedd Smith

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (8:40)

Come, Christians, join to sing, alleluia, amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia, amen!

Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice: alleluia, amen!

"When We Walk with the Lord" (11:00)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. (Refrain)*

*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

Jesus Calls Us to Walk with Him

The GEMS Litany (8:40) Mary Hoekstra, Briana VanderVelde

(11:00) Nadia Speulstra, Heidi Brandt,
Jonathah Bouwman

Leader: Jesus invites us to follow him. Young and old, boys and girls, all peoples and nations are invited to receive his love and to live like him.

GEMS: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. (1 John 2:6)

Leader: To walk in his steps, we look to Jesus and learn from him. We remember his love, words and ways!

Congregation: **Jesus is our Savior who rescues and**

forgives. He is Immanuel who walks with us and guides us. He is our teacher who shows us how life works best.

GEMS: Jesus acted justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with God! (Micah 6:8)

Leader: To walk in his steps, we look to Jesus and listen to him. We remember who he says we really are.

Congregation: **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

GEMS: Jesus says we are accepted, loved, and have a place to belong. He says we matter to him!

ALL: **To walk in his steps, we will remember who Jesus is, remember who Jesus says we are, and then step in and love and live like him.**

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 743

"O God, You Are My God"

The Ministry Moment: (8:40) Ruth Witte

(11:00) Ellie Scholma, Zoe Stek,
Olivia Ackerman, Pat Trathen

The Children's Message: Tina Rooks (with 6-8th graders)

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Walk As Children of Light" (8:40)

Daniel Kallman

Walk as children of light.

Ephesians 5:8

"I Want to Be Like Jesus" (11:00)

Cindy Rethmeier

Refrain: I want to be like Jesus.

*Give me a heart that's pure and true,
kind and loving in all I do,
full of mercy for all who come
running into the Father's arms. (Refrain)*

*I want eyes to see you,
I want ears to hear you,
feet that follow after you;
I want to be just like you. (Refrain)*

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The Offertory:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Paul Manz

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: 1 John 2:6 (pg. 1899)

The Sermon: **"WALKING IN HIS STEPS"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 730
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Benediction

“We Receive Your Blessing” (11:00)

Grace and Natasha Moes

We receive your blessing, we receive your grace, as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost

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*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“We Are Marching in the Light of God” (Siyahamba)

Robert Buckley Farlee

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Mary Hoekstra, Briana VanderVelde – piano duet

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

GEMS Girls Chorus, Tina Rooks – director (11:00)

Ken and Mary Amman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Makenna Nyhuis and Maddie Landheer – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Ruby VanHaitsma – Flag

Music at LaGrave:

Daniel Kallman (b. 1956), a graduate of Luther College and the University of Minnesota, composes music for orchestra, band, and choir, and his pieces are performed around the world. His sacred choral compositions possess a child-like joviality and vivaciousness, and *Walk as Children* is no exception. With text from Ephesians 5:8, the entire anthem is based on a short fragment sung at the outset and altered throughout the piece. That same theme is even whistled near the conclusion.

Flowers on the chancel honor **Patricia DeHaan**. Pat saw Jesus Easter Sunday 2018. For years, Pat thoughtfully and

graciously beautified flowers into arrangements for Sunday services. We are thankful for Pat’s dedicated service, especially in her positive and encouraging spirit. “Remember, the most important thing is to love Jesus” and “use your gifts for the Kingdom any way you can.” **Dan and Ann Van Eerden**

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. Jonker will be preaching on Psalm 98. His sermon is entitled “Bursting into Jubilant Song.” Also, the Chamber Chorale of Grand Rapids Christian High School will be joining us through the singing of sacred anthems.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.