

April 29, 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:

“Cortège Joyeux on Genevan Psalm 98” George Frederick McKay
“Cantad al Señor” (O Sing to the Lord) J. Wayne Kerr
“Two Settings on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Michael Burkhardt, David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Shout For Joy!” Dan Davison
*Shout for joy to the Lord! Shout for joy, all the earth.
O burst forth with joy in jubilant song with music.*

*Praise the Lord with the harp. Join with voices of singing.
O shout to the Lord with the trumpets and the blast of the horn. Shout for joy to the Lord.*

Let the sea resound and all it contains, the people in all of the world. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together with joy!

Shout for joy to the Lord. Shout for joy, all the earth. Let there be sound! Let there be music! Praise the Lord with a joyful song!

Psalm 98:4-8

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 555

“Let All Creation's Wonders”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Revelation 5:6-13 (pg. 1918)

The Anthem:

“Unclouded Day” Rev. J.K. Alwood, arr. Shawn Kirchner
O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, they tell me of a home faraway, and they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise; O they tell me of an unclouded day.

Chorus: O the land of cloudless days, O the land of an unclouded sky, O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, they tell me of a land far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in his beauty there, they tell me that mine eyes shall behold where he sits on a throne that is bright as the sun in the city that is made of gold!

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*The Confession of Faith:

We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

With the whole creation we join the song:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

He has made us a kingdom of priests to serve God, and we will reign on earth. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belong to God.

Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

Our World Belongs to God, par. 56 & 57

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 605

“Worthy Is Christ”

The Preparation for Prayer

“Kyrie” from *Mass No. 2 in G* Franz Schubert
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Translation:
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Wana Baraka” traditional Kenyan, arr. Shawn Kirchner
Wana baraka wale waombao;
They have blessings, those who pray;

Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluia!
Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!

Wana amani.
They have peace.

Wana furaha.
They have joy.

Wana uzima.
They have well-being.

The Offertory Anthem:

“Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls” Z. Randall Stroope
When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold. And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of O Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord we pray. Come, dwell!

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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: Psalm 98 (pg. 935)

The Sermon: **“BURSTING INTO JUBILANT SONG”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 566

“Give Praise to Our God”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Sung Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6:24

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*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata”

James Biery

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Kelsi Jones – liturgist

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

Grand Rapids Christian H.S. Chamber Chorale, Candice Sytsma – director

Leah Ivory – accompanist

We welcome the **Chamber Chorale from Grand Rapids Christian High School** this evening. The Chamber Chorale sings a variety of concerts throughout the school season and participates in several area church worship services. Presently, LaGrave members Grant Konyndyk and Luke Uekert are members of the Chorale.

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.

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