

**April 8, 2018**

*The Second 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:

“Sarabande for the Morning of Easter” Herbert Howells  
“Meditation on *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” Michael Bedford

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Send Out Your Light and Your Truth”  
*Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; oh, let them bring me to your holy hill.*  
*Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; oh, let them bring me to your holy hill.*

*Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting; oh, lead and guide me to your holy hill.*  
*Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting; oh, lead and guide me to your holy hill.* Psalm 43:3

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers” arr. Terre Johnson  
*(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction..)*

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### ***We Approach God with Penitence (8:40)***

The Call to Repentance: Luke 24:13-21 (pg. 1644)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious Lord, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to find you beside us. We walk on, so focused on our questions, that we do not create a silent space for you to speak with us and enlighten our journey. Help us to look for you and to listen for your voice. Open our hearts to receive your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Luke 24:30-35 (pg. 1645)

\*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 207  
“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

### ***We Claim God's Promises (11:00)***

The Teaching on Baptism

The Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

*(Children 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to witness the baptism)*

**Audrey Renee Magee**, daughter of Amy Magee  
Prayer Partner: Judy Otte

The Baptism Blessing

\*The Baptism Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 790  
“Baptized in Water”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message

*(Children, 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks” (8:40)  
Herbert Howells  
*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul*

*after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, where, where is now thy God?*

Psalm 42:1-3

“O Divine Redeemer” (11:00)

Charles Gounod

*Ah, turn me not away, receive me, though unworthy. Hear thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne, haste thee, Lord, to mine aid! Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me. Though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On thee, Lord, alone will I call. O divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins. Forgive me! Night gathers round my soul, fearful, I cry to thee. Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste thee, Lord, to help me. Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in thy mercy; hear my cry. Come and save me, O Lord! O divine Redeemer, I pray thee, grant me pardon and remember not, O Lord, my sins! Save in the day of retribution, from death shield thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy, help me, my Savior.*

The Offertory:

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Charles Callahan

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: Psalm 42/43 (pg. 879)

The Sermon: **“WHERE IS YOUR GOD?”**

### ***We Respond with Praise***

The Prayer After the Sermon

\*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 264***  
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

### ***God Sends Us into His World***

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata on *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*”

David Cherwien

Dr. Stan Mast – guest minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Bill Potts – vocalist (11:00)

Dee DeKryger and Renee Kuipers – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Jenny Talsma and Della Landheer – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

We welcome vocalist **Bill Potts** to worship this morning. A tenor section leader for over twenty years in the Mayflower Congregational Church choir, Bill is an active soloist having sung with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids, the Choral Society of Grand Rapids, and the Camerata Singers of Muskegon. In 2006, he recorded a CD with accompanist Jonathan Tuuk and has sung the National Anthem several times for the Detroit Tigers.

### **Music at LaGrave (8:40)**

Herbert Howells’ *Like as the Hart Desireth the*

*Waterbrooks* is a staple within the English Cathedral choral repertoire. Howells’ rich and imaginative harmonic palette creates the deep yearning quality found in the text of Psalm 42. In addition to his work as an organist, Howells was also music professor at the London’s Royal College of Music for most of his life. His compositional style has been described as “deeply tinged by the English choral tradition, reflecting a subtle and fastidious craftsman capable of a restrained individual eloquence.”

**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.

**This morning** we welcome to our pulpit **Dr. Stan Mast**, former pastor of LaGrave and also Adjunct Professor Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary.

**Tonight** we welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Duane Kelderman**, former Vice President for Administration at Calvin Theological Seminary, and former interim pastor at LaGrave. Rev. Kelderman will preach on John 20:19-23. His sermon is titled: “Easter Peace.”

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).