

April 8, 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:

“Four Variants on *Praise the Savior, Now and Ever*”

Raymond Haan
Charles Callahan

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him the Lord of peace; his kingdom is at hand.

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

Dale Wood

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 655***

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

(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: Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 1832)

The Hymn of Faith: ***Worship & Rejoice 587***

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*The Confession of Faith:

Standing in our place, Jesus suffered during his years on earth, especially in the tortures of the cross. He carried God's

judgment on our sin—his sacrifice removed our guilt. God raised him from the dead: he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death— Lord of Life!
We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion.

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 our God, and we will reign on the 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 belongs to God. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

*The Hymn of Response: ***Worship & Rejoice 539***

“O Day of Peace”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“Peace Be with You”

Garth Edmundson

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: John 20:19-23 (pg. 1686)

The Sermon: **“EASTER PEACE”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 451***

“When Peace like a River”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Minuet from *Gothique Suite*”

Leon Böellmann

Rev. Duane Kelderman – guest minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

Tonight we welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Duane Kelderman**, former Vice President for Administration at Calvin Theological Seminary, and former interim pastor at LaGrave.

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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