

May 13, 2018

Ascension 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:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Charles Ore, Michael Helman

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns Is

Crowned with Glory Now”

Christopher Tambling

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Wilbur Held

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (8:40)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress. Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” (11:00)

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried, “Alleluia!”

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always, “Alleluia!”

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 601

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our King

The Call to Confession: Acts 1:6-11 (pg. 1690)

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus,

You have risen, ascended, and will come again.

What hope we have in you!

Even today, you remain fully God and fully human, promising to bring us to where you are.

Even today, you stand before God, praying for us.

Forgive us when we do not love you as you truly are.

By your Spirit, restore our ability to envision your great salvation and grant us a willing spirit to sustain us. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 4:14-16 (pg. 1865)

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 210

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message:

(Children, 4-2nd grade, may leave for Children’s Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (8:40)

Malcolm Archer

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again, I say, rejoice.

My Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. (Refrain)

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. (Refrain)

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. (Refrain)

“Feed My Lambs” (11:00)

Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

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The Offertory:

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Flor Peeters, Charles Ore

The Offering:

Today’s offering is for the Bridge of Arbor Circle 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

The Scripture: Hebrews 2:5-11 (pg. 1861)

The Sermon: **“VICTORIOUS LIVING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 682
“Before the Throne of God Above”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Our God Reigns”

David Blackwell

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director (11:00)

Karen Schipper – accompanist

Nate and Jake Versluis – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Payton and Nadia Speulstra – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) was among the leading 20th century composers of anthems for children’s choirs. Born in Evanston, IL, she married a Methodist minister and homiletics professor. At the time of her death from cancer at age 61, Sleeth had written texts and music for over 180 pieces including hymns and anthems. Two of her hymns appear in *Lift Up Your Hearts* (#527 & 950). Inspired by John 21:15, *Feed My Lambs* is among her most popular anthems. It is characterized by an ascending interval at the outset of each stanza.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Jean** and **Melanie Scott** in loving memory of their husband and father, **Don Scott**, who entered heaven three years ago on May 12.

The May special offering is for the Bridge of Arbor Circle which is a safe shelter program for youth who are facing

homelessness or considering running away. The Bridge offers youth a stable and accessible place to stay, along with supportive programs and resources to reconnect with their families, schools and community

Tonight Rev. Jonker will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. His sermon is entitled “Discerning the Body.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.