

May 20, 2018

Pentecost 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:

“Come, Creator God, Holy Ghost”
“Spirit of God, Attend Our Prayers”

J. S. Bach, Andrew Carter
Wilbur Held, Feike Asma

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come Down, O Love Divine” (8:40)

Come down, O Love divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

“O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath” (11:00)

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death, come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire.

Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, and to the Spirit: God the Lord, to whom all honor, glory be both now and for eternity.

*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 332***

“Let Every Christian Pray”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Celebrate the Work of the Spirit (8:40)

The Call to Confession: Romans 8:5-9, 12-13 (pg. 1754)

The Prayer of Confession:

Wondrous God who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. We pray this in the name of Jesus who died so that we can live. Amen.

concluded with singing:

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 749

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sing vs. 2 a cappella

The Promise of Forgiveness and Power: Romans 8:1,2,16,17

*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 864:1-4, 6

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

We See the Spirit's Work in Baptism (11:00)

The Promises of Baptism

The Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship:

Klaudia Glenis and Martyna Kathleen Boerema,
daughters of Norm & Terri Boerema

The Sacrament of Baptism

(Children 4-2nd grade may come forward to witness the baptism.)

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daughters of Norm & Terri Boerema

Prayer Partner: Connie Kuiper VanDyke

Frankie Elizabeth Cudney, daughter of
Ross & Brooke Cudney

Prayer Partner: Robin Hollebeek

Cahlani Rai Medema, daughter of
Chad & Christina Medema

Prayer Partners: Gord & Ruth Bylsma

The Baptismal Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 677***

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

The Blessing

The Response: “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing;

you are my own.

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We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message: (8:40)

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Spirit of God” (8:40)

arr. Joseph M Martin

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart; wean it from sin, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the fullness of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (11:00)

Kenneth Jennings

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy Passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar and your love the flame.

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The Offertory:

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Percy Whitlock

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: Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 1691)

The Sermon: **“THE SPIRIT’S PUSH”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go to Serve

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 746

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Richard Elliott

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Pete Tigchelaar – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

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

Sher Engbers and Judy Otte – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

Two arrangements of George Croly’s (1780-1860) hymn text *Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart* are included in worship today. The vocal soloist (8:40) sings a contemporary version arranged by American composer Joseph Martin and the Chancel Choir (11:00) sings a setting

by former St. Olaf College choir director Kenneth Jennings. At age 50, Croly, an English minister, began serving a church located in one of London’s worst slums. At age 74 he prepared a new hymnal for this congregation, which included this hymn, then titled *Holiness Desired*.

The flowers on the chancel are in memory of **Philip P. Versluis** who left this home for his heavenly home on May 25, 2017. **E. Joyce Versluis and Family**

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 James 5:13-16. His sermon is entitled “The Two Voices of Prayer.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.