

May 20, 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:

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”
“Variations on *Kum Ba Yah*”

Peter Pindar Stearns
John A. Behnke

I Someone's praying, Lord. . .
II Someone's crying, Lord. . .
III Someone's singing, Lord.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“You Shall Have a Song”

Harriet Ziegenhals

You shall have a song and gladness of heart, for music can joyfully our love to all impart. Lift every voice, play the flute and violin, and you shall have a song to sing, Alleluia.

Make a joyful noise to God all ye lands, come serve him with gladness of heart and mind and hands. We are his children, he made us every one and we shall have a song to sing, Alleluia!

Enter now his gates with thanksgiving and praise, for he is our God, let us serve him all our days. His steadfast love will endure to the end, and we shall have a song to sing, Alleluia!

Based on Ezekiel 30, 29; Psalm 100
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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 523

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

(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: Matthew 6:5-13 (pg. 1508)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 898

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. **Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. **First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.**

Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A. 116, 117

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 894

“May the Lord God Hear You Pray”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Seek and You Will Find”

Natalie Sleeth

Seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened; ask, and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord. Who knows in truth what God for all creatures can do? If you believe, great happiness will come to you. Seek, and you

will find; knock, and the door will be opened; ask, and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord.

Matt. 7:7

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“Look Down”

Natalie Sleeth

Look down, O Lord, and watch over me!

O thou who made the mountains, and fashioned all the earth: who framed the flowing fountains, and gave thy children birth; who cares for every sparrow, and knows its lofty flight.

Refrain: Look down in love from heaven above, by day and night!

*Be with me in my sorrow, and take the dark away; be with me each tomorrow, and with the coming day; be with me, Lord, in spirit, and keep me in thy sight. (Refrain)
O Lord, look down, O Lord, and watch over me!*

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The Offertory:

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Franklin D. Ashdown

The Offering:

Today's offering is for 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: James 5:13-16 (pg. 1884)

The Sermon: **“THE TWO VOICES OF PRAYER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 387

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Benediction

“Dona Nobis Pacem” (Give Us Peace)

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Dona nobis pacem.

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director
Karen Schipper – accompanist
Laura Muresan – flutist
Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

Marcia Pylman celebrates the milestone of twenty-five years as director of LaGrave’s Junior Choir, having taught countless children the gift of singing praises to God. This evening, several members from Marcia’s former Children’s Choirs at Alger Park, Bethel, Roger’s Heights, and Lee Street CRCs join the current Junior Choir in singing four anthems, some of which were favorites sung by these choirs.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org

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