

May 27, 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* 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:

A Prelude for Memorial Day

“Cortège et Litanie”

“For All the Saints”

Marcel Dupré
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

*It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.*

*O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, my Prophet, Priest,
and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the
praise I bring.*

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1-3,5

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

(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

The Call to Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24 (pg. 975)

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12

*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 337:1-3,5

“Lord, You Have Searched Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

(Children, 4-1st grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” (Psalm 23)” Howard Goodall

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Offertory:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Raymond H. Haan

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 in His Word

The Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18 (pg. 974)

The Sermon: **“GOD'S EXTREME KNOWING”**

We Respond with Praise

The Prayer after the Sermon

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 796

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Crown Imperial March”

William Walton

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Jonah Gollighugh – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Becky Rhoda – anthem soloist (8:40)

Vocal Quartet, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoot – soprano; Jess Hollenbach – alto

Jim Elzinga – tenor; Peter Redder – bass

Renee Kuipers and Ivan Jekel – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Susan and Evan Roelofs – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

Howard Goodall (b. 1958) is an English composer of musicals, choral music, and music for television and radio. In 1994, he was asked to write a theme song for the British comedy series *The Vicar of Dibley*. The surprising result was a sacred-based text (Psalm 23) which the composer felt would offset the quirky humor of the comedy's storylines. The choral anthem has become popular in its own rite, due in part to a beautiful, sweeping melodic line heard throughout the piece and a simple, yet profound conclusion featuring three statements of the word “forever,” each one decreasing in volume.

The flowers on the chancel are from **Curt and Ruth Witte** in loving memory of their father, **Rev. Wilmer Witte**, who passed away on May 10, 2016 and their sister, **Gayla Witte**, who passed away on May 19, 2008.

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 seminarian Kelsi Jones will be preaching on 2 Samuel 13:23-39. Her sermon is entitled “A Family in Turmoil.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.