

**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* 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:

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”  
“Search Me, O God”

Lois Hill  
Wilbur Held, Charles Callahan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531

“God, You Call Us to This Place”

*(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: Psalm 51:1-12 (pg. 888)

The Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 385**

“Search Me, O God”

\*The Confession of Faith:

The church is a gathering  
of forgiven sinners called to be holy.  
Saved by the patient grace of God,  
we deal patiently with others  
and together confess our need

for grace and forgiveness.

**Restored in Christ's presence,  
shaped by his life,  
this new community lives out  
the ongoing story of God's reconciling love,  
announces the new creation,  
and works for a world of justice and peace.**

*Our World Belongs to God, par. 39*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 256:1,2,4

“They'll Know We Are Christians”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“I Then Shall Live”

Benjamin Culli

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: 2 Samuel 13:23-39 (pg. 487)

The Sermon: **“A FAMILY IN TURMOIL”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 372**

“I Then Shall Live”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“God, You Call Us to This Place”

Robert Hobby

Kelsi Jones – seminarian  
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist  
Sara Good – organist

**Kelsi Jones** just finished her first year in the Master of Divinity program at Calvin Seminary. Over the last year she has served as an intern at LaGrave. She grew up in Grand Rapids and her father, James Jones, is one of the pastors at Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church. We are pleased to have her in our pulpit tonight.

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

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org)

