

May 6, 2018

The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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:

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Paul Manz, Michael Burkhardt, David Cherwien

Through the church the song goes on.

“Here I Am, Lord” (8:40)

Janet Linker

“Canticle” (11:00)

Arnold Sherman

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God, You Call Us to This Place” (8:40)

God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace. Here your hospitality makes of us one family, makes our rich diversity richer still in unity, makes our many voices one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.

Now assembled in Christ's name, all your mercies to proclaim, in the hearing of your word, in our prayer through Christ the Lord, in the ministries we share, learning how to serve with care, in the Spirit let us be one in faith and unity.

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“God Himself Is with Us” (11:00)

God himself is with us; let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple; all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest reverence. Him alone do we own as our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 191

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Install Elders and Deacons

The Call of God: Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 1069)

The Vows

The Charges

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 869

“Here I Am, Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message:

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Lord, Here Am I” (8:40)

John Ness Beck

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.

Refrain: Master, thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross: willing to suffer reproaches and loss: willing to follow, if thou wilt but lead: only support me with grace in my need. (Refrain)

Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal while thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right: pity, and bring me again to the light. (Refrain)

“Lord, You Give The Great Commission” (11:00)

arr. John F. Wilson

Lord, you give The Great Commission: “Heal the sick and preach the Word.” Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose

with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.” That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.” Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.” Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend; and amid the cares that claim us hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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The Offertory:

“Take My Life and Let It Be” (8:40)

Larry Visser

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (11:00)

arr. Linda McKechnie

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: John 11:1-16 (pg. 1668)

The Sermon: **“THE GRUMPY DISCIPLE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 571***
“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Tu es Petra”

Henri Mulet

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build
my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matt. 16:18

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jonathan Ten Brink – vocalist (8:40)

Bells Jubilate, Youth Handbell Ensemble,

Bells Gloria, Kurt Stroh – director (11:00)

Aaron Good – trumpet; Perrin Rynders – timpani (11:00)

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

Grace and Ella Walcott – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Jenny Talsma and Sher Engbers – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Baritone **Jonathan Ten Brink**, son of Paul and Carol Ten Brink, is an active baritone in opera, oratorio, and chamber music. He and his wife Becky currently live in Lansing where Jon leads the music department at Lansing Community College. A Grammy nominated artist, Dr. Ten Brink has performed over 700 concerts across 30 states. Welcome, Jon, to worship at LaGrave, and may God bless your music ministry among us this morning.

Music at LaGrave:

In 1920, French organ composer Henri Mulet (1878-1967) finished a set of ten pieces entitled *Byzantine Sketches* in memory of the Basilica of Sacré-Coeur, a white, monumental Byzantine structure in the north of Paris. The final piece in the set is a French toccata, *Tu es Petra* (Thou Art the Rock) based on Matthew 16:18. The piece carries a double meaning: whereas the huge cathedral is situated on top of a high cliff overlooking the city of Paris, so too, Christ built his Church upon a solid rock (Peter, meaning “rock”). The “rock” is portrayed musically by a low and deep pedal melody played with the feet, while the busy toccata is played in the hands.

The flowers on the chancel are from **Sarah Horton, Kate Van't Hof, and Mitchell Looman**, in loving memory of their father, **Jeff Looman**, a beloved husband, teacher, and friend who passed away on May 5, 2013.

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. John Steigenga will be preaching on 1 Cor. 2:1-10, and Col. 2:1-5. His sermon is entitled “The Mystery of God.” Rev. Steigenga is a former pastor of LaGrave CRC.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.