

June 3, 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:

"Psalm-Prelude No. 3" from the Second Set Herbert Howells
Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise. Psalm 33:3
"Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit

"Give Praise to Our God"
Give praise to our God and sing a new song, amid all the saints God's praises prolong; a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise, all children of Zion, rejoice and give praise.

*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 9***

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Hear God's Word Preached and Sung

The Reading: Psalm 135:1-3; Psalm 148:1-2; Psalm 117

The Sermon: **"THE CALL TO PRAISE"**

The Chandos Anthem:

"O Praise the Lord with One Consent"
(Chandos Anthem No. 9)

George Frideric Handel

- I. *Chorus:*
O praise the Lord with one consent and magnify his name; let all the servants of the Lord his worthy praise proclaim.
- II. *Tenor Aria:*
Praise him, all ye that in his house attend with constant care, with those that to his utmost courts with humble zeal repair.
- III. *Tenor Aria:*
For this our truest interest is glad hymns of praise to sing, and with loud songs to bless his name, a most delightful thing.
- IV. *Bass Aria:*
That God is great we often have by glad experience found, and seen how he with wondrous power above all gods is crowned.
- V. *Chorus:*
With cheerful notes let all the earth to heaven their voices raise, let all, inspired with godly mirth, sing solemn hymns with praise.
- VI. *Soprano Aria:*
God's tender mercy knows no bound, his truth shall ne'er decay, then let the willing nations round their grateful tribute pay.
- VII. *Chorus:*
Ye boundless realms of joy, exalt your Maker's fame, his praise your song employ above the starry frame.
- VIII. *Chorus:*
Your voices raise, ye cherubim and seraphim, to sing his praise. Alleluia.
(Based on Psalms 117, 135, and 148)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Robert Buckley Farlee

The Offering:

Today's offering is for the Patient Assistance Fund at Pine Rest 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.)

God Sends Us Out with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 575***

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Music for the Royal Fireworks"

G. F. Handel

- I. Overture
- II. The Rejoicing

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director
Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano
Aaron Polet – tenor
Jason Coffey – baritone
Diane McElfish Helle, Steven Brook – violinists
Alicia Eppinga – cellist
Kathy Gomez – oboist

We welcome several guest musicians who participate in tonight's extended choral work—George Frideric Handel's Chandos Anthem No. 9, *O Praise the Lord with One Consent*. Guest vocalists include Aaron Polet (recent Calvin College graduate now working as a choral and band teacher in Grand Rapids Christian elementary school) and Jason Coffey (resident artist at Park Congregational Church and active in Opera Grand Rapids) who join LaGrave member Kathryn Becksvoort (choral teacher and member of the Choral Scholars), and Grand Rapids Symphony members Diane McElfish Helle, Steven Brook, Alicia Eppinga and Kathy Gomez.

The flowers that beautify our worship services today are given by **Marge Hoozeboom** in loving memory of her husband Tom, who will have been in his heavenly home two years on June 4.

The June special offering is for the Patient Assistance Fund (PAF) at Pine Rest. The PAF is available to individuals and families in our community who come to Pine Rest for care but have limited resources to pay for treatment. The number of people we can help each year depends on the generosity of our donors. Thanks to a generous and compassionate community, financial assistance is available through the Pine Rest PAF. 100% of gifts are used to help reduce the cost of treatment for individuals and families with financial hardship. No one should have to choose whether or not to get care for depression, anxiety, marital difficulties, dementia, stress, or addictions because of the cost of treatment.

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