

June 10, 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 10:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

"Partita on *Simple Gifts*"

Noel Goemanne

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Frederick Swann

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"I Come with Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

A cloud of loving witnesses surrounds us while we sing as all the saints, forgiven, loved, immortal praises bring.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 572:1,2,4,5

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

(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: Colossians 3:12-14 (pg. 1832)

The Confession of Sin:

Lord, our world is full of grievances.
Some are incidental, others intentional.
Some scrapes we brush off; others leave scars.

Shine your light into the corners of our hurting souls.

Shine your light into the places where we have done harm. Pour your forgiveness into our lives because of Jesus; because of Jesus, let us forgive one another too.

For your love is deep and broad and high
and we are children of your transforming grace.
In Jesus' name, amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8 (pg. 969)

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 690:1,3,4

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Merciful God"

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
arr. Craig Courtney

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near you; Hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the cross they may cling to. Helpless I come, broken in sin, found at the feet of your mercy. Father, forgive; may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful through times we have failed you. Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful. Spirit of God, conquer our hearts, with love that flows from forgiveness. Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to keep us from falling. Guiding our ways with your Fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing. God, speed the day struggles will end; faultless we'll gaze on your glory. Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

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The Offertory

"Just As I Am"

Raymond H. Haan

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 Speaks to Us

The Children's Message

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

The Hymn of Preparation: "In Daily Strolls through Galilee"

1. In dail - y strolls through Gal - i -
2. Lord, in my dail - y life I
3. O Lord of life, I . long to

lee, past fields and farms and birds and
pass through fields of con - crete, steel, and
see the path that you've pre - pared for

trees, Christ Je - sus saw a lar - ger world, and through his
glass, where lone - ly peo - ple spend long hours in ser - vice
me. Your ho - ly Word with - in me grow, in all my

par - a - bles un - furled, a king - dom sure to
to en - slav - ing powers whose king - dom will not
fields help me to sow your king - dom faith - ful -

be, a king - dom sure to be
last, whose king - dom will not last.
ly, your king - dom faith - ful - ly.

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The Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 1531)

The Sermon: **"FORGIVING FROM THE HEART"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 693
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Kyrie, from *Messe Solennelle*”

Louis Vierne,
arr. Alexander Schreiner

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Holly Baar – vocalist

Cyndi Post and Anita Entingh – Cross & Bible Bearers

Holly Baar is a busy mom of five children, Mike and Lisa Hoogeboom's sister-in-law, pediatric nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, First Cutlerville CRC's Worship Choir director for the past 18 years, and director of the South Christian High School Madrigals. We welcome Holly to worship and thank her for her music ministry.

Music at LaGrave

Irish musicians Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend are among today's leading contemporary authors and composers of hymnody. Many of their hymns— theologically rich with beautiful melodies—have found their way into hymnals across all denominations. *Merciful God* is a confessional song offered to a faithful and forgiving God. Craig Courtney's solo arrangement retains the Celtic style of the song and the climactic third verse is emphasized by an elevation in key.

The flowers today are given by the **Ondersma** family in loving memory of **Ralph D. Ondersma**, beloved husband, father, and Pakke.

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.

Tonight Reverend Jonker will be preaching on Exodus 23:19, 34:26, and Deuteronomy 14:21. His sermon is entitled “On the Cooking of Young Goats.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.