

June 24, 2018

SERVE Sunday

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:

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Dan Forrester

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

arr. James Koerts

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 529

“Gather Us In”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

God Calls Us to a Life of Service

The Call: Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:29-31

The Commitment: SERVE Litany:

Leader: Serve participants, this year at SERVE you are being called to “Love God, Love the World.” The theme verses from Luke 4:18-19 will guide you as you carry out your mission, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

This congregation sends you out into this city with these words of encouragement:

Congregation: Always remember you are not doing this in your own power, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SERVE Participants: We claim the promise of the Spirit's presence, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Congregation: During this week, look for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

SERVE Participants: We will boldly proclaim the good news, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16)

Congregation: Many people you meet this week will be imprisoned emotionally, financially, socially, and spiritually. Help them find freedom in Christ.

SERVE Participants: We promise to help those in bondage find freedom in Jesus who is the truth that sets us free and, “if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

Congregation: Others you meet will be blinded by the darkness of deception, hopelessness, and trials. Help them find the light of Christ.

SERVE Participants: With the Spirit's help, we will shine the light of Christ who promises, “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” (John 12:46)

Congregation: Too many people struggle with injustice or oppression. Point them to the hope of God's sovereign care and abiding presence.

SERVE Participants: This is the good news we will share, “we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:3-5)

Leader: Answer the call to love God and love the world knowing you go with the prayers and blessing of this congregation.

*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1,3,4,5
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthems of Praise:

“No Longer Slaves”

Jonathan David Helsler, Brian Johnson

1. *You unravel me with a melody, you surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies, till all my fears are gone.*

Chorus:

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God. (2 times)

2. *From my mother's womb, you have chosen me. Love has called my name, I've been born again into your family; your blood flows through my veins. (Chorus)*

Ohoh, ohoh, ohoh, ohoh.

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it. My fears are drowned in perfect love; you rescued me and I will stand and sing: I am a child of God.

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“Beautiful Name”

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

1. *You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord most high. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ.*

Chorus: *What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

2. *You didn't want heaven without us. So Jesus, you brought heaven down. My sin was great, your love was greater. What could separate us now.*

Chorus: *What a wonderful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you; you silenced the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory, for you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal. Now and forever God, you reign. Yours is the kingdom, yours in the glory. Yours is the name above all names.

Chorus: *What a powerful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

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The Offertory:

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Carolyn Hamlin

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.)

*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

The Children's Message

(Children, 4s, K – 1st grade, may leave for Summer Program.)

The Scripture: Luke 4:14-30 (p. 1598)

The Sermon: **“LOVE GOD, LOVE THE WORLD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go Out to Serve

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 904:1-4

“Lord, Make Us Servants”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Go to the World”

Albert Travis

Rev. Ron Radcliffe – guest minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

SERVE Participants Choir

Steve and Emily Beidler – Cross & Bible Bearers

This morning we welcome **Rev. Ron Radcliffe** to our service.

Rev. Radcliffe is the church planter for City Chapel.

Music at LaGrave: In 2008, Carolyn Hamlin, organist at First Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina, was honored for 50 years of service to her church. Hamlin is also a composer of organ, piano, and choral music. Her arrangement of the 19th century gospel hymn *More Love to Thee, O Christ* was dedicated to internationally-known organist, the late Carlo Curley. William H. Doane, composer of the hymn tune, was an industrialist, philanthropist, and strong supporter of the Dwight L. Moody evangelistic campaign; he also endowed the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He, like Hamlin, expressed his deep faith through composing music, with over 2200 hymn tunes to his credit.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **BJ Whigham** in loving memory of husband **Peter Shore Whigham** and son Peter Allen Whigham.

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.

In this evening's service, Rev. Jonker will preach on Mark 6:30-44. His sermon is titled “Sitting on the Grass with Jesus.”