

June 24, 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:

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“We Gather Together”

John Behnke
Neil Harmon

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil powers he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 389

“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”
(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 23 (pg. 859)

The Hymn of Faith: Lift Up Your Hearts 732

“The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life”

*The Confession of Faith:

Our world, fallen into sin,
has lost its first goodness,
but God has not abandoned the work of his hands:
our Maker preserves this world,
sending seasons, sun, and rain,
upholding all creatures, renewing the earth,
promising a Savior,
guiding all things to their purpose.

God holds this world with fierce love.

**Keeping his promise,
he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit,
and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God –
the first fruits of a new creation.**

**Even now, as history unfolds
in ways we know only in part,
we are assured that God is with us in our world,
holding all things in tender embrace
and bending them to his purpose.
The confidence that the Lord is faithful
gives meaning to our days and hope to our years.
The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.**

Our World Belongs to God, par. 4, 5 & 12

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem

“Shepherd Me, O God”
Refrain: *Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (Refrain)

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. (Refrain)

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (Refrain)

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. (refrain)

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (Refrain)

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The Offertory:

“On Eagle's Wings”

John Carter

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.)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Mark 6:30-44 (pg. 1566)

The Sermon: **“SITTING ON THE GRASS WITH JESUS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 440

“He Leadeth Me”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Gordon Young

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – organist, pianist
Becky Rhoda – vocalist

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) 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 at Pine Rest. The PAF is available to individuals and families 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.

Ordinary Time – the Season after Pentecost

Ordinary time is the longest time of the liturgical year. The colors used for Ordinary Time are green and blue. The green symbolizes growth. The blue symbolizes the color of water which is necessary for growth. It is a time for growth in our spiritual lives and in our service to the mission of the church

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