

July 15, 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:

“The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want” Larry Visser
I. He makes me lie down in green pastures . . . he restores my soul.
II. Even though I walk through the valley . . . you are with me.
III. I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Jesus, Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me” Johann Sebastian Bach
Jesus, Shepherd, be thou near me as I walk along life’s way.
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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(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 Our Need

The Call to be Searched: Psalm 139:1-4, 23, 24 (pg. 974)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that when you search our hearts you find things that are offensive to you. We also know that you are a gracious God. For the things we have done that we regret, forgive us; for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us; for the times we have acted without love, forgive us; for the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us; for the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us; for the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us; for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, forgive us; for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, gracious God, forgive us. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 44:22-23 (pg. 1131)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 691:1,2,4,5
“Amazing Grace”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. Dan Forrest
The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my Shepherd is, my Shepherd is the King of love; and so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house, forever.

The Offertory:

“Softly and Tenderly”

Raymond H. Haan

The Offering:

Today’s offering is for the Westminster Food Pantry 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 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: Luke 15:8-10 (p. 1625)

The Sermon: **“GOD, THE SWEEPER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 430

“You Are Mine”

vs.1, vs.2, refrain, vs.3, refrain, vs. 4, refrain

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Tocata on *Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound*”

“... was lost, but now am found.”

J. Christopher Pardini

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Scott Bosscher – vocalist

Joyce Jeltema and Dee DeKryger – Cross & Bible Bearers

We welcome guest vocalist **Scott Bosscher** to LaGrave this morning. A son of the LaGrave congregation, Scott is currently director of the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, a voice professor at Grand Rapids Community College, and a member of Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church.

Music at LaGrave

As Anglican clergyman Henry Baker (1821-1877), author of the hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, drew his last breath, he spoke these words from the third verse of his hymn: *Perverse and foolish, oft, I strayed, but yet in love he sought me.* The ancient Irish hymn melody set to this Psalm 23-inspired text also served as inspiration to contemporary composer Dan Forrest, whose expressive melodic lines and piano accompaniment beautifully paint the text.

The flowers on the chancel are placed in memory of my beloved husband, **Clarence Doornbos**, who entered his heavenly home one year ago today, July 15. Clare is remembered and greatly missed. **Janice Doornbos**

The July special offering is for Westminster Food Pantry. The **Downtown Food Pantry**, a core mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church, provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

This evening, we welcome **Rev. Bob Arbogast** to our worship service. He will be preaching on Matthew 1:1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17, and his sermon is titled “42 Generations.” Rev. Arbogast is the new pastor of Celebration Fellowship, the Christian Reformed Church based in the Ionia prison.

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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