

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

“Berceuse” (Lullaby)

Alexandre Guilmant

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Richard Proulx

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Will Extol You, O My God”

I will extol you, O my God, and praise you, O my King; yes, every day and evermore your praises I will sing. Great is the Lord, our mighty God, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable, above all glory raised.

Each generation to the next shall testimony bear, and to your praise, from age to age, your wondrous acts declare. Upon your glorious majesty and honor I will dwell, and all your grand and glorious works and greatness I will tell.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

(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: Ephesians 2:14-22 (pg. 1816)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 247

“I Love Your Church, O Lord”

The Confession of Faith:

What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 54

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 261:1,2,4,5

“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises”

Bertus Polman

God, we sing your glorious praises as well tell your awesome deeds: you have fashioned all creation and you meet each creature's needs. We rejoice in how your people tasted your great faithfulness; graced through every generation we your mighty acts profess.

We remember, God, your covenant which extends from heaven to earth; how Christ's death and resurrection conquers sin, renews our birth. Thank you for this gospel message which inspires your church to preach grace to every generation in our deeds and in our speech.

Fueled by power from your Spirit we commit ourselves anew to be faithful to your gospel in the daily work we do. We will shout your glorious praises telling all who have not heard: grace for every generation is embodied in your Word.

Lord, we offer you our worship as we celebrate your grace which you shower on your people gathered here and every place. Blessed by water, Word, and table, we, your church, now pledge to share grace through every generation in our witness, work, and prayer.

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The Offertory:

“The Church's One Foundation”

Paul Bunjes, Michael Burkhardt

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Matthew 1:1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17 (pg. 1500)

The Sermon: **“42 GENERATIONS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251:1,2,4,5

“The Church's One Foundation”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “March”

Louis Lefébure-Wély

Rev. Bob Arbogast – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Scott Bosscher – vocalist

Tonight we welcome **Rev. Bob Arbogast** to our worship service. Rev. Arbogast is the new pastor of Celebration Fellowship, the Christian Reformed Church based in the Ionia prison.

We welcome guest vocalist **Scott Bosscher** to LaGrave this evening. 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.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org

