

July 22, 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:

“Psalm-Prelude No. 1” Herbert Howells
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. (Psalm 34:6)
“I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ” Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Spirit of the Living God”

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshippers”
(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: Matthew 5:3-10 (pg. 1505)

Prayer of Confession

God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.

**But we have been proud in spirit,
inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency.
We have forgotten how needy we are.**

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

**But we have not mourned over our sins, instead we have insulated ourselves from those around us,
from their pain, needs, loneliness, and suffering.
We have even hardened ourselves**

so that we are unaware that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

But we have often presided as harsh judges over the lives of others. We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves. We have avoided obligations to care for or to help people in need.

Lord, please show us your mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-5 (pg. 1816)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 623:1-3
“God, Be Merciful to Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “O Lord, Be Merciful” Homer N. Bartlett

*With broken heart and contrite sigh, a trembling sinner,
Lord, I cry: thy pardoning grace is rich and free.
O God, be merciful to me.*

*Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done, can for a single sin atone;
to Calvary alone I flee, O God, be merciful to me.*

*And when, redeemed from sin and hell, with all the ransomed throng I dwell,
my raptured song shall ever be, God hath been merciful to me.*

The Offertory:

“God Be Merciful to Me”

Philip Moore, Alec Rowley

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 18:10-14 (pg. 1630)

The Sermon: **“THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 384
“Rock of Ages”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Sortie (Postlude) No. 3 in E-flat” Louis Lefébure-Wély

Dr. John Rottman – guest minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jessica Klooster – vocalist

Ella & Grace Walcott – Cross & Bible Bearers

Jessica Klooster is a graduate of Calvin College where she sang in the Capella. She remains active as a soloist and is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland. May God bless your ministry of music to us this morning, Jessica, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts in worship.

This morning, we welcome Dr. John Rottman to our worship service. Dr. Rottman is a professor of homiletics at Calvin Theological Seminary.

Music at LaGrave

Homer Newton Bartlett (1845-1920) was a significant American composer of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He is known for writing in various genres—both sacred and secular—including opera, orchestral, vocal, piano, and organ music. A founding member of the American Guild of Organists, Bartlett worked in two prominent New York City Protestant churches. His three-verse penitential vocal solo *O Lord, Be Merciful* features a recurring refrain, dramatic accompaniment, and contrasts in dynamic range, indicative of the style of much turn-of-the-century vocal music.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of **Dr. James Penning** by his wife **Marge**.

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, Rev. Peter Jonker will be preaching on Philippians 2:1-4. His sermon is titled “Can You Spell Koinonia?”

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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