

**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.

**EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM**

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

The Prelude:

“Andante tranquillo from *Sonata III*” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
“Stay with Us, Lord Jesus Christ” Johann Sebastian Bach  
“Hymn to Joy” Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God, the Father of Your People”  
*God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one; grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son. Challenged by your word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above, as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.*

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.*

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\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 507

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”

*(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: Isaiah 1:7-20 (pg. 1061)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 256

“They'll Know We Are Christians”

The Confession of Faith:

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;  
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—  
those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

**In the new community all are welcome:  
the homeless come home, the broken find healing,  
the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed,  
the least are honored, and the last are first.  
Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.**

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

**Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life,  
this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.**

Our World Belongs to God, par. 34 & 39

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 257:1,2,3,6

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Eternal Life” Olive Dungan  
*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

The Offertory:

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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: Philippians 2:1-4 (pg. 1824)

The Sermon: **“CAN YOU SPELL KOINONIA?”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 388

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Allegro maestoso e vivace from *Sonata II*”

Felix Mendelssohn

Rev. Peter Jonker –minister  
Norene Walters – organist  
Michelle Koster – vocalist

**Michelle Koster**, daughter of LaGrave members Charles and Mary VandenBerg and granddaughter of Wilbur and Marilyn DeJong, is a Hope College graduate where she studied voice with Linda Dykstra. Currently, she is a resident in Kalamazoo where she is completing doctoral studies as a psychology resident at the Battle Creek VA. Welcome to worship, Michelle, and thank you for your music ministry.

We welcome guest organist **Dr. Norene Walters** who is a Forest Grove, Michigan native. Norene received music

degrees from Hope College, Yale University, and the University of Arizona. Norene is currently the John L. Edwards Organ Scholar under the tutelage of Dr. Huw Lewis at St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit.

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.

**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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