

July 8, 2018

Service of Holy Communion

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:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Paul Manz, Alfred Fedak,
Carl Schalk

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Anne Roberts

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“As We Gather at Your Table”

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 534

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

(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: Matthew 22:1-14 (pg. 1538)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 729

“Let This Be My Supreme Desire”

Moment for Missions

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Break the Bread, Pour the Wine”

Mark Hayes

Come to the table, wounded soul, come, taste his sorrow, be consoled. Drink the suffering of the Lord, broken spirit, be restored.

Refrain: Break the bread, pour the wine, share the feast, come and dine. All are welcome, none denied, every hunger satisfied.

Come to the table, all forlorn, come, taste his presence, be transformed. Drink the memory of the Lord, and be lonely nevermore. (Refrain)

Come to the table, dying life, come, taste his body, be revived. Drink the mercy of the Lord, everlasting life is yours.

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The Offertory:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Charles Callahan

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: Leviticus 11:1-19, 46-47 (pg. 168)

The Sermon: **“TABLE RULES”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 809:1,2,4

“Remembering with Love and Hope”

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper: (see insert)

The Communion

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before

eating). Respond to the elder's words with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far right. Children are welcome to come to a serving station for a blessing from the pastor. During the communion, the congregation will sing the following hymns:

The Communion Hymns:

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

- 1. Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold, me, O fold me, close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**
- 2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King; only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.**
- 3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.**
- 4. Near, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.**

LUYH 659

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.**
- 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

LUYH 175

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all**

compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

- 2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
- 4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.**

LUYH 351

*The Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and

strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Fanfare”

Richard Purvis

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hoozeboom - liturgist
Sara Good – organist
Benita Wolters Fredlund – vocalist

Benita Wolters Fredlund is associate professor of music history at Calvin College. She has sung professionally and is a section leader for the choir at Grace Episcopal Church. Welcome, Benita, to worship at LaGrave. May God bless your music ministry among us this evening.

The flowers on the chancel are in memory of Kristina Moelker, our sister and aunt who passed away one year ago, July 9. While the entire family misses her dearly, we are reminded daily that “Kindness Matters.” - **Joe, Kristin, Ashleigh, Trent and Gavin Ponstein**

The July special offering is for Westminster Food Pantry.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org