

August 12, 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:

“Solemn Prelude”

Alec Rowley

“Pastorale”

Alec Rowley

“Gaudeamus”

Alec Rowley

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“For All the Saints”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,2,4,8

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Hebrews 3:12-13 (pg. 1863)

The Prayer of Confession:

Living God, you are our one true master.

Yet we turn away from you so quickly.

We believe lies about ourselves and about you.

We think too much of ourselves, or too little.

We forget that you are great, and you are good,

And we are yours—

Crafted by your hand and redeemed by your love.

Forgive us and set us free. In Christ's name, amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Zephaniah 3:17

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 695:3,4

“And Can It Be”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

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:

“When in the Hour of Utmost Need”

J. S. Bach

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Charles Ore

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for the Home Repair Services 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: Lift Up Your Hearts 655

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

The Scripture: Psalm 18:1-19 (pg. 852)

The Sermon: **“RESCUED BY A DELIGHTED GOD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 568

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Out of the Depths I Call to Thee, O Lord”

J. S. Bach

Dr. Stan Mast – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Mark VandenBerge – vocalist

Laurie and Tom Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers

This morning we welcome **Dr. Stan Mast**, former pastor of LaGrave and also Adjunct Professor of Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary to our worship service.

Mark VandenBerge, son of LaGrave members Phil and Mary VandenBerge, was a student of the late Stanley Kolk, and, in addition to singing regularly at area churches, he continues to write and produce. Mark is a versatile musician, having also performed his symphonic Van Morrison Soul Tribute concert

last year at Grand Rapids' 20 Monroe Live venue. Welcome to worship Mark, and thank you for sharing your music ministry.

Music at LaGrave

The musical setting of the ancient prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) by 20th century composer Olive Dungan has remained a staple in the vocal solo repertoire for over 50 years. The melodic wide leaps at the beginning along with the rising melodic line and increasing intensity and drive to the climactic conclusion contribute to a deeply moving and emotional piece.

The flowers today are given by **Steve Nortier** in memory of the anniversary of Steve's parents, **Dr. & Mrs. Peter Nortier** and also in honor of the anniversary of Steve's friends, **Ken & Karen VanDyke**.

The August special offering is for Home Repair Services works to strengthen vulnerable Kent County homeowners and build strong communities through their services which include critical repairs, handicap & elderly homeowner modifications, remodeling and repair services.

This evening will be a service of Holy Communion and Rev. Ruth Boven will preach on John 6:1-13. Her sermon is titled "Bread in Abundance."

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org