

August 19, 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:

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (Choral and 8 Variations)
Johann Gottfried Walther

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”
Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5

“Let All Things Now Living”

(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 Our God

The Call to Confession: Hebrews 12:1-3 (pg. 1875)

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we desire to wholeheartedly follow you. But, sin hinders our walk. The ways of this world oppress the weak and fool many who are lost. The paths of our hearts turn us toward the foolishness of self-interest. Forgive our sin and empower us to throw off the sin that so easily hinders our walk with you. Lead us along the way of faith and joy. In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen

The Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 35:8,10

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 334:1,3,5

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “Walk with Me”

African-American spiritual
arr. Zebulon M. Highben

I'm just a poor way-farin' stranger, a trav'lin' through this world of woe, and there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go.

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way is dark and steep, yet Jesus walked this road before me, and in his love my path he keeps. I'm goin' there to meet my Savior, to sing his praises evermore.

I'm just a poor way-farin' stranger, and I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Offertory:

“Contemplation on *Tallis' Canon*”

Richard Purvis

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 Prayer for Illumination: Lift Up Your Hearts 763:1,3

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

The Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20 (pg. 1819)

The Sermon: **“REDEEMING THE TIME”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 264:1.5.6

“Lift High the Cross”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Rejoice”

Noel Goemanne

Dr. Steven D. Pierce – guest minister
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist
Jonathan Tuuk – guest organist
Vocal Ensemble

Kathryn Becksvoort, Carmen Kruyf – soprano
Jess Hollenbach – alto

Zach Kruyf, Jason Reiffer – tenor

Karel deWaal Malefyt, Peter Redder – bass

Ingrid and Payton Speulstra – Cross & Bible Bearers

This morning we welcome to our worship service **Dr. Steven Pierce** pastor at Central Reformed in a pulpit exchange with Rev. Jonker.

Welcome to guest organist **Jonathan Tuuk**, recently retired from his position as Director of Music and Organist at Mayflower Congregational Church. Jon served as the consultant for LaGrave's organ installed in 1996 and is well-known in our community as a church musician, teacher, accompanist, and composer.

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 Rev. Jonker will preach on Daniel 10. His sermon is titled "Strange Visions by the Tigris River."

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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