

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

J. S. Bach

"Prélude" from *op. 18*

César Franck

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee;

He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heav'ns:

Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee. Psalm 55:22

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 46

"How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Bible Reading: Ezekiel 1:4-14, 22-28 (pg. 1288)

The Hymn of Faith: Lift Up Your Hearts 579

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?"

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 26

*The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 146

"Glorify Thy Name"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Cry No More"

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home, where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan. All is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.

Refrain: Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last. Love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near, deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here. (Refrain)

Sure Defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend - Gift of Glory, Hope of Heaven, call us now to faith again! Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end! (Refrain)

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The Offertory: "Adagio in D-flat"

Franz Liszt

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Daniel 10 (pg. 1394)

The Sermon: "**STRANGE VISIONS BY THE TIGRIS RIVER**"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 25

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

David N. Johnson

Rev. Peter Jonker –minister
Norene Walters – organist, pianist
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist

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.

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

