

August 26, 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:

“Variations on *How Firm a Foundation*” Janet Linker

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord” arr. Indra Hughes
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace, no work too hard for him; in faith receive from him, be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 427

“How Firm a Foundation”
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Profess Our Faith

The Covenant Promises

The Vows

The Profession of Faith: **Andrea Hoekzema**

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770:1-3
“In Christ Alone”

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770:4
“In Christ Alone”

The Profession Anthem:

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” arr. Mark Hayes
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Notes are also prayer request cards that can be dropped into the box at the Welcome Center.

The Offertory:

“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness” David Cherwien

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 of Preparation: “In Daily Strolls through Galilee”

1. In dail - y strolls through Gal - i -
 2. Lord, in my dail - y life I -
 3. O Lord of life, I . long to

lee, past fields and farms and birds ___ and ___
 pass through fields of con - crete, steel, ___ and ___
 see the path that you've pre - pared ___ for ___

trees, Christ Je - sus saw a lar - ger world, and through his
 glass, where lone - ly peo - ple spend long hours in ser - vice
 me. Your ho - ly Word with - in me grow, in all my

par - a - bles un - furled, ___ a king - dom sure to
 to en - slav - ing powers, ___ whose king - dom will not
 fields help me to sow ___ your king - dom faith - ful -

be, ___ a king - dom sure to be
 last, ___ whose king - dom will not last.
 ly, ___ your king - dom faith - ful - ly.

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The Scripture: Luke 6:46-49 (pg. 1604)

The Sermon: **“THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “The Solid Rock” Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Amy DeJong Postmus

Glenda Buteyn and Jenny Talsma – Cross & Bible Bearers

Since graduating from Calvin College, **Amy Postmus** has been active as soloist and actress in several opera productions and musicals throughout the Midwest and particularly in the Chicago area. She has also been invited to sing the national anthem at various major league baseball venues. Amy is the daughter-in-law of LaGrave member John Postmus and also sings regularly at her church in Downers Grove, Illinois where she resides. Welcome to worship at LaGrave, Amy, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us this morning.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Matt & Deb Vogel** in loving memory of Matt’s parents Al & Eleanor Vogel.

Music at LaGrave

A British poet, singer, and pianist who also learned six languages, Frances Havergal (1836-1879) wrote the text *Take My Life and Let It Be* following a visit to a home in Worcestershire where ten people, some of whom were unconverted and others who were nominal Christians, all gave their lives to Christ, answering her prayer, “Lord, give me *all* this house.” Not able to sleep that night, she penned

the eleven-verse hymn. Contemporary pianist and arranger Mark Hayes’ arrangement is a fresh take on Havergal’s timeless text.

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 “Regional Spirits? Contending with the King of Persia.”

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