

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

Psalm 27: "O Lord, You Are My Light" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Psalm 62: "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone" Gerald Near

My soul finds rest in God alone; on him my help depends
He is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure he sends.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit

"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

All praise to thee, for thou O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord; and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia!

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 532

"Be Still, for the Presence"

(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: Ephesians 6:10-20 (pg. 1821)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 773:1,3,4

"O Lord, You Are My Light"

*The Confession of Faith:

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, and others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth: some, crushed by failure or broken by pain, give up on life and hope and God; others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to realize their dreams.

As believers in God, we also struggle with the spirits of this age, resisting them in the power of the Spirit, testing them by God's sure Word.

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

Contemporary Testimony, par. 1,3,6

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 224:1,2,4

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem:

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Paul S. Jones

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true Son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Offertory: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Charles Callahan

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 10:10-11:1 (pg. 1394)

The Sermon: **"REGIONAL SPIRITS? CONTENDING WITH THE KING OF PERSIA"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 776

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Aaron David Miller

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist, pianist

Aaron Polet – vocalist

Aaron Polet is a recent Calvin College graduate with a degree in music education, a member of the music and worship team at Shawnee Park CRC, sings in the Calvin College Alumni Choir, and also teaches voice privately. We warmly welcome Aaron and pray that his ministry through music will enrich our worship this evening.

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

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.

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