

August 5, 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:

"Be Still, My Soul"

arr. Faye Lopez and Jennifer Whitcomb

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Lloyd Larson

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

arr. Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place! Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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*The Processional Hymn: **Lift Up Your Hearts 2**

"O Worship the King"

(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: **Lift Up Your Hearts 627:1-3**

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Sing verses 1,2,

Sing verse 3 a cappella

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 6:4

*The Hymn of Response: **Lift Up Your Hearts 746:1,3**

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer, concluded with the Prayer Anthem:

"The Lord's Prayer"

Michael Head

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

The Offertory:

"O Jesus, I Have Promised to Serve You to the End"

G. Winston Cassler

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 Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 (pg. 1630)

The Anthem: "Press On"

Dan Burgess

When the valley is deep, when the mountain is steep, when the body is weary, when we stumble and fall; when the choices are hard, when we're battered and scarred, when we've spent our resources, when we've given our all.

Refrain: In Jesus' name we press on. Dear Lord, with the prize clear before our eyes, we find the strength to press on.

When we long for the past, when our visions don't last, when the future's uncertain, when the road seems so long; when we hear a last breath, when a shadow means death, when we're blind to the wonder, when we're deaf to the song. (Refrain)

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The Sermon: **"THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: **Lift Up Your Hearts 378**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Allegro Molto and Fuga" from Sonata No. 6 (Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above)

Felix Mendelssohn

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Kat Jonker, Ashley Grace Stephenson – violinists

Jack A. Pott – vocalist

Marlene Padding and Olivia Huizenga – Cross & Bible Bearers

Jack A. Pott, originally from Cutlerville, is currently Director of Music & Arts at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut, Assistant Music Director for the Hartford Chorale (a 170-voice symphonic choir), and is a member of the music faculty at Central Connecticut State University. Jack and Larry Visser were classmates while both studying at the University of Michigan in the early 1990s. We welcome Jack and ask God's blessing on his music ministry.

Music at LaGrave

Dan Burgess is a composer, arranger, orchestrator, and music clinician in the contemporary Christian music scene. With over 150 songs to his credit, one of his most well-known songs is *Press On*, nominated for a 2002 Dove Award. Based on Philippians 3:14, this powerful song calls us to persevere through trials and difficulty and to "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward." Echoed in the refrain, these words are pronounced by a key change in the final refrain.

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. Kristy Manion will preach on 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13. Her sermon is titled "Open Our Eyes."

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