

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

"Chaconne for Organ"
"Amazing Grace"

Martha Sobaje
Robert Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Marvelous Grace"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575:1,2,4

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(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: Psalm 51:1-17 (pg. 888)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 747

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*The Confession of Faith:

How are you righteous before God?

Even though my conscience accuses me

of having grievously sinned against all God's

commandments,

of never having kept any of them,

and of still being inclined toward all evil,

nevertheless,

without any merit of my own,

out of sheer grace,

God grants and credits to me the perfect

satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,

as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,

and as if I had been as perfectly obedient

as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do

is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 60

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 825

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

arr. Alan Bullard

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation; I

hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;

it finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Savior

liveth; although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night

sweet songs he giveth. His inner peace makes fresh my heart,

a fountain ever springing; since love is Lord of heaven and

earth, how can I keep from singing.

The Offertory:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Michael Burkhardt, John Behnke

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 Sung Prayer for Illumination: Lift Up Your Hearts 618:1-3

"Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart"

The Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13 (pg. 484)

The Sermon: **"OPEN OUR EYES"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 693

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Trumpet Tune"

Charles Callahan

Rev. Kristy Manion –minister

Sara Good – organist

Jan Doornbos – 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

