

September 2, 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:

“All Glory Be to God on High”

J. S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Humble Praises, Holy Jesus”

Humble praises, holy Jesus, children's voices raise in song. As our shepherd, O protect us; we as lambs to you belong.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, joyful praises now we sing. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to our King.

Gracious Savior, stay beside us, lead and guide us as we go. By your spirit, blessed Jesus, help us in your love to grow.

(Refrain)

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 284

“God Is Known Among His People”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship:

Elizabeth Doezema, daughter of Caleb & Amy Doezema

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Repentance: Philippians 2:1-5 (pg. 1824)

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you draw us into lives of humility rooted in Christ and watered by the spring of your love. Your Spirit frees us to think of ourselves less and think of you more. But that isn't our first inclination. When we think mostly of ourselves, forgive us. Give us the mindset of Christ. When we fail to see Jesus in those around us, forgive us. Give us the eyes of Christ. When we act expediently instead of lovingly, forgive us. Give us the heart of Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 1:4-6 (pg. 1822)

*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 737

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Sing vs. 3 a cappella

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 Anthem:

“The Lowest Place”

Paul S. Jones

Give me the lowest place, not that I dare ask for that lowest place, but thou has died that I might live, that I might live and share thy glory by thy side.

Give me the lowest place, but if for me that lowest place too high, make one more low where I may sit and see my God and love thee so.

The Offertory:

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

David Cherwien

The Offering:

Today's offering is for the Pregnancy Resource Center 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: Philippians 2:1-11 (pg. 1824)

The Sermon: **“THE CHURCH AND THE SCIENCE OF SPOKES”**

We Respond with Praise

The Prayer after the Sermon

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 926:1,3,4

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Marche Triomphale”

Théodore Dubois

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Dr. Jonathan Ten Brink – vocalist
Renee Kuipers and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers

Baritone **Jonathan Ten Brink**, son of Paul and Carol Ten Brink, is an active baritone in opera, oratorio, and chamber music. He and his wife Becky currently live in Lansing where Jon leads the music department at Lansing Community College. A Grammy nominated artist, Dr. Ten Brink has performed over 700 concerts across 30 states. Welcome, Jon, to worship at LaGrave, and may God bless your music ministry among us this morning.

Chancel flowers: At a September 1965 meeting of LaGrave's college-age group, Dick Eppinga met Judy Jasper, a Butterworth School of Nursing Student from Orange City, Iowa. They began dating in September 1966 and were married on September 6, 1968, Dick's birthday. They thank the Lord and LaGrave as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. **Dick & Judy Eppinga**

Music at LaGrave

In her poem *The Lowest Place*, 19th-century poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) was inspired by Jesus' parable in Luke 14 in which guests at the Pharisee's home were encouraged to take the least important seats at the table allowing guests of honor the higher place, thereby demonstrating true humility. Paul S. Jones, a multi-talented pianist, organist, arranger, composer, church musician and choral conductor was organist at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for 17 years and now owns his own music company. His poignant solo setting of Rossetti's poem accentuates the text in a simple, yet profound manner.

The September special offering is for the Pregnancy Resource Center which provides education, counseling and services at no cost to the recipients. Through their variety of programs, the Pregnancy Resource Center lives out their mission "to show the truth that all people matter to God."

This evening, Rev. Jonker will preach on James 1:1-8, Jude 17-25. His sermon is titled "Faith and Doubt."

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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