

September 16, 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 8:40 & 11:00 AM

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Richard Elliott, Max Drischner, Charles Ore

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”

Craig Phillips

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Christ Is the King” (8:40)

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same: place the same hope in his great name, with the same faith his word proclaim. Alleluia!

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“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” (11:00)

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you. By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding, open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading. Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“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

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Colossians 3:5,6 (pg. 1831)

The Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, We fail to trust you. Have mercy on us. With our backs turned away from resurrection life, we turn toward the counterfeit gods of sex, riches, and power. But, this is the way that leads to death. Have mercy on us and forgive our sin. Turn our hearts toward resurrection life. So that when Christ appears, we will appear with him in glory. Amen.

concluded with

Lift Up Your Hearts 864:1,4 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

The Assurance of Pardon:

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set us free from the law of sin and death.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 324:1,4,5
“O For a Closer Walk with God”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

(Children, 4s, K – 2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem: “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (8:40)

arr. Lloyd Larson

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills; to God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us. Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer

us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored: to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory. Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!

“The God of Abraham Praise” (11:00)

Philip Gehring

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; ancient of everlasting days and God of love. Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand. I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and power. And him my only portion make, my shield and tower.

The God of Abraham praise, whose all-sufficient grace shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. He deigns to call me friend; he calls himself my God. And he shall save me to the end through Jesus' blood.

He by himself has sworn; I on his oath depend. I shall on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend. I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high. “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry. Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays: all might and majesty are thine and endless praise! Amen.

The Offertory: “Jesus Shall Reign”

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 Sung Prayer for Illumination:

“Thy Word Sheds Light upon My Path” (11:00)

Thy Word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet; thy righteous judgments to observe my solemn vow I now repeat.

The Scripture: Exodus 7:7-24 (pg. 95)

The Sermon: **“FREEDOM FROM, FREEDOM TO – RESCUE FROM THE PLAGUES”**

The Prayer after the Sermon

We Respond with Praise

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 220:1,3,4,5

“At the Name of Jesus”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jan Doornbos & Becky Rhoda – vocalists (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Tom and Laurie Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Renee Kuipers and Judy Otte – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

The flowers on the chancel are given by the **Schroder Family** in loving memory of father and grandfather Roland Schroder and grandfather and great grandfather Neal VanderWoude who both entered their heavenly home in September 2004.

Music at LaGrave (11:00): The text of the hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* dates back to the 12th century and is based on a Jewish doxology. Two centuries later a metrical version

of that doxology was written. 18th century Englishman Thomas Olivers heard that version sung by a cantor in London and prepared an English paraphrase in twelve stanzas, of which he stated: “I have rendered it from the Hebrew, giving it, as far as I could, a Christian character.” He then asked the cantor to write a synagogue melody suited to his text and to a congregation, the melody we find in our hymnals and in Philip Gehring’s anthem.

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. Hoozeboom will be preaching on Matthew 28:16-20. His sermon is titled “Marching Orders for Foot-Sore Disciples.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org