

**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.

**EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM**

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

The Prelude:

“Introduction and Meditation on “*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*”  
David Christiansen  
“God, You Call us to This Place” Mark Sedio, David Cherwien  
In the water we were born of the Spirit in the Son.  
Now a priestly, royal race rich in every gift of grace.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God, You Call Us to This Place”  
*God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace. Here your hospitality makes of us one family, makes our rich diversity richer still in unity, makes our many voices one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.*

*In the water we were born of the Spirit in the Son. Now a priestly, royal race rich in every gift of grace – called, forgiven, loved, and freed, for the world we intercede: gather into unity all the human family.*

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\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

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

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We See the Spirit's Work in Baptism***

The Promises of Baptism

The Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*(Children 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may come forward to witness the baptism.)*

**Avery Rebecca Boyk**, daughter of Ryan & Mary Boyk

Prayer Partner: Bea Hook

**Charlotte Emmaline DeBoer**, daughter of

Peter & Anna DeBoer; Prayer Partner: Jean Scott

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 35

“You Are Our God; We Are Your People”

The Baptismal Blessing

The Response: “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine  
forever. Go, my children, with my blessing;  
you are my own.**

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The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem: “Offertory”

John Ness Beck,  
transcribed by Craig Courtney

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, oh man; what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, with your God?*

Micah 6:6-8

The Offertory:

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

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.)*

***We Hear God's Word***

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 (pg. 1553)

The Sermon: “**MARCHING ORDERS FOR FOOT-SORE DISCIPLES**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

***God Sends Us Out to Serve***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 252  
“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“*Allegro Maestoso*” from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – minister  
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist  
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist  
Bill Potts – vocalist

We welcome vocalist **Bill Potts** to worship this evening. A tenor section leader for over twenty years in the Mayflower Congregational Church choir, Bill is an active soloist having sung with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids, the Choral Society of Grand Rapids, and the Camerata Singers of Muskegon. In 2006, he recorded a CD with accompanist Jonathan Tuuk and has sung the National Anthem several times for the Detroit Tigers.

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.

**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.”

**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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