

## September 30, 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: A Baptismal Prelude of Children's Songs

"Children of the Heavenly Father"	Larry Visser
"Praise Him, Praise Him, All You Little Children"	Wilbur Held
"Jesus Loves the Little Children"	Larry Visser
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"	Larry Visser
"Precious Jewels"	Raymond H. Haan
"Jesus Loves Me"	Robert Hebble

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "I Was Glad They Came to Call Me" (8:40)

*I was glad they came to call me, "Let us go to where God rests." O Jerusalem, we praise you; here we stand, your pilgrim guests.*

Text: Psalm 122; verse. Calvin Seerveld, 1982 ©

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (11:00) William Billings  
*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise, let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land by every tongue.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 43

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"  
*(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)*

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

## *We Remember God's Covenant Promises*

The Promises of Baptism

The Profession of Faith Vows (11:00): **Rachel VanWingerden**

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism

(8:40) **Jack Elliot Rosenboom**, son of Brandon & Jill Rosenboom; Prayer Partners: Nancy & Scott Stehouwer (11:00)

**Jack Ryan Cook**, son of Ryan & Mary Cook  
Prayer Partner: Deb Nuiver

**Tessa Joy DenBoer** and **Sutton Charles DenBoer**, children of Lane & Anna DenBoer  
Prayer Partner: Jennifer Schroder

**Ethan John Faber**, son of Aaron & Kate Faber  
Prayer Partner: Marlene Padding

**Althea Anne Holford**, daughter of Justin & Ashley Holford  
Prayer Partner: Payton Scholtens

**Emersyn Adaline Luth**, daughter of Jordan & Deanne Luth  
Prayer Partner: Brenda Averill

**Leda Rose Venezia**, daughter of Ray & Jenna Venezia  
Prayer Partner: Sue Roelofs

**Olivia Lorraine VanWingerden**, daughter of Tim & Rachel VanWingerden; Prayer Partners: Aaron & Jana Eding

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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 Baptismal Anthem: "You Knew Me, Lord" (8:40)

Larry Shackley

*Before I felt one tender ray, before my eyes first saw the sun,  
before I knew one single day, you planned for me to live each one.*

*You touched my hand before I felt. You spoke to me before I heard. You learned my prayers before I knelt, and knew my voice before one word.*

*Refrain: How can I flee your presence? How can I hide from your gaze? High and low, Lord, you are there establishing all of my days. It is too wonderful, too wonderful to me.*

*O praise, my soul, the God above, the Lord of sky and sea and land. Who lavishes undying love, and forms each life with his strong hand. (Refrain)*

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## *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: "I Will Exalt My God and King" (11:00)

C.Hubert H. Parry, arr. Michael Burkhardt

*I will exalt my God and King, and I will ever praise your name. I will extol you every day and evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond all thought. From age to age your people tell the mighty wonders you have wrought.*

*On your most glorious majesty and on your deeds my mind will dwell. Your deeds will fill the world with awe, and all your greatness I will tell. Your matchless goodness and your grace your people will commemorate; and all your truth and righteousness our joyful song will celebrate.*

*The Lord our God is rich in grace, tender to us, compassionate. His anger is most slow to rise; his love and kindness are most great. The Lord is good in all his ways; his creatures know his constant care. To all his works his love extends; all creatures in his mercies share.*

*All you have made will praise you, Lord; your mighty you're your saints will show, till all the peoples on the earth the splendor of your kingdom know. Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong and ever sure; while generations rise and die, your glorious reign will still endure.*

Psalm 145

The Offertory: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

(Let My People Go)

Larry Visser

The Offering:

*Today's Offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and the Pregnancy Resource Center. 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 Scripture: Exodus 15:22-25a; 16:2-4; 17:1-7 (pg. 110)

The Sermon: **“FREEDOM FROM: THE  
FLESHPOTS OF EGYPT”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 40

“I Will Be Your God”

### *God Sends Us into His World*

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Sing! A New Creation”

Healey Willan

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jessica Klooster – vocalist (8:40)

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

Jenny Talsma and Renee Kuipers – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Emily and Lisa Beidler – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Jessica Klooster** is a graduate of Calvin College where she sang in the Capella. She remains active as a soloist and is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland. May God bless your ministry of music to us this morning, Jessica, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts in worship.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Ron and Dee Day, Curt, Jennifer, Dana, Carmen** and **Ian Day** in loving memory of **Anna Day** who passed away on September 20, 2007.

### **Music at LaGrave (11:00)**

There are few melodies more grand and stately than British composer C. Hubert H. Parry’s (1848-1918) *Jerusalem*. The gray *Psalter Hymnal* used this tune in conjunction with the 1912 *Psalter* paraphrase of Psalm 145, *I Will Exalt My God and King*. Dr. Joan Ringerwole, retired organ professor at Dordt College, commissioned Michael Burkhardt to write a choral concertato based on this melody in memory of her father. Burkhardt set the tune in unison, four-part harmony, and added a soaring descant in the final verse.

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

**This evening**, Rev. Peter Jonker will give a series of short meditations tracing the theme of rainbows in the Bible.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org)