

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

“Nigerian Prayer” (Oba a ba ke) Fela Sowande
The King of heaven whom we should cherish, we do not cherish,
the Savior of mankind whom we should serve, we do not serve;
Jesus whom we should worship, he is the very one the world
derides and abuses. Lord of the rainbow, forgive us our offences,
for the sake of Jesus, grant us pardon.
“You Are Our God; We Are Your People” Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Am the Lord your God”
I am the Lord your God; you are my people. I am your Savior, Preserver, and Rock. I am your God, keeping watch like a shepherd, caring for Israel, my people, my flock

God will establish us, keeping his covenant, which will extend to each nation and race: God's law will dwell in the hearts of his people; they will be blessed with his favor and grace.

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 579

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

RAINBOWS FOR THE FALLEN WORLD

FLOOD

The Bible Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 (pg. 13)

The Meditation

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 35

“You Are Our God; We Are Your People”

THRONE

The Bible Reading: Ezekiel 1:22-28 (pg. 1289)

Revelation 4:1-6 (pg. 1917)

The Meditation

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 667

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LIGHT

The Bible Reading: John 8:12 (pg. 1662)

Ephesians 5:8-13 (pg. 1819)

The Meditation

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 100:1,3,4

“Jesus, the Light of the World

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem:

“God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises”

God, we sing your glorious praises as we tell your awesome deeds; you have fashioned all creation, and you meet each creature's needs. We rejoice in how your people tasted your great faithfulness; graced through every generation, we your mighty acts profess.

We remember, God, your covenant, which extends from heaven to earth; how Christ's death and resurrection conquers sin, renews our birth. Thank you for this gospel message, which inspires your church to preach grace to every generation in our deeds and in our speech.

Lord, we offer you our worship as we celebrate your grace which you shower on your people gathered here and every place. Blessed by water, Word, and table, we, your church, now pledge to share grace through every generation in our witness, work, and prayer.

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The Offertory:

“I Am the Lord Your God”

Robert Hobby

We of the generation on whom God's hand is laid can journey to the future secure and unafraid, rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in his word,
“That you shall be my people and I will be your God.” LUYH 40:3

The Offering

Today's Offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and for 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 Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 17

“Beautiful Savior”

Sing stanza 3 a cappella

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Aaron Polet – vocalist

Aaron Polet is a recent Calvin College graduate with a degree in music education, a member of the music and worship team at Shawnee Park CRC, sings in the Calvin College Alumni Choir, and also teaches voice privately. We warmly welcome

Aaron and pray that his ministry through music will enrich our worship this evening.

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.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org