

September 9, 2018

Service of Holy Communion

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:

“God the Father, Be Present with Us” G. P. Telemann, J. S. Bach

God the Father, be present with us and do not let us perish. Make us free of all sins and help us die blessedly. Guard us from the devil and keep us firm in the faith. Let us build on you, trust you from the depths of our hearts, yield ourselves to you completely, flee with all true Christians from the devil's cunning, arm ourselves with God's weapons. Amen, amen, this is true. Therefore we sing Alleluia.

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

David Lasky

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God”

Sing, sing a new song to the Lord God for all the wonders he has wrought; his right hand and his arm most holy the victory to him have brought. The Lord has shown his great salvation, to Israel his love made known; he has revealed to every nation his truth in righteousness alone.

Psalm 98

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246

“God Is Here”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Profess Our Faith

The Call to Confession: Galatians 5:1,4,5,7,13,14,16-18

The Prayer of Confession:

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed. Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 590:1,4,5,6

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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: “There is a Green Hill Far Away” from

St. John Passion

Bob Chilcott

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

O dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Exodus 1:15-2:10 (pg. 87)

The Sermon: **“DRAWN OUT OF THE WATER”**

The Prayer after the Sermon

We Respond with Praise

*The Communion Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 199:1,4

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Please sing during the passing of the bread and wine.

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire”

- 1. O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, redemption's only spring, Creator of the world art thou, its Savior and its King.**
- 2. How vast the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee, and led thee to a cruel death to set thy people free.**
- 3. But now the bands of death are burst, the ransom has been paid; and thou art on thy Father's throne, in glorious robes arrayed.**
- 4. O Christ, be thou our lasting joy, our ever great reward; our only glory may it be to glory in the Lord!**
- 5. All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity.**

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“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”

- 1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. (2 times)
Sing alleluia. (2 times)
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!**
- 2. In Christ the world has been redeemed. (2 times)
Sing alleluia. (2 times)
In Christ the world has been redeemed.**

3. **His resurrection sets us free.** (2 times)

Sing alleluia. (2 times)

His resurrection sets us free.

4. **Therefore we celebrate the feast.** (2 times)

Sing alleluia. (2 times)

Therefore we celebrate the feast.

5. **Sing alleluia to the Lord.** (2 times)

Sing alleluia. (2 times)

Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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The Offering and Thank-Offering

Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund, the Benevolence 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.

As we give for these causes, we will sing the closing hymn and stand when signaled.

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164

“What Wondrous Love”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Freedom”

Carol Williams

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert– director

Joyce Jeltema and Dee DeKryger – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Joanne Arnoys and Lynn Setsma – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

The flowers are given by **Jean and Melanie Scott** in memory of husband and father, **Don Scott**, on his birthday. We give thanks for his life and the ways he shared his love of music and teaching.

Music at LaGrave

Irish poet Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) wrote *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* as part of a project to teach children

the articles of the Apostles' Creed. This hymn text, based on the article “suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried” was reportedly written while sitting at the bedside of a sick child. Contemporary English composer Bob Chilcott's arrangement of this hymn is from an extended work (*St. John's Passion*) patterned after J. S. Bach's *Passions* in which the story is narrated by an evangelist and the choir sings chorales/hymns.

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 we will worship at CityFest.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org