October 14, 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:

"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

John Ferguson, Robert Powell

"Partita on Christ, You Call Us All to Service"

Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne"

O God, we kneel before your throne to honor you whose name is known to all your family by your love on earth below and heaven above; how wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!

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*The Opening Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 581

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (pg. 1762)

The Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 318</u> "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*The Confession of Faith:

- Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
- A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 1

*The Hymn of Response:



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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:

"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels" Michael Joncas Not for tongues of heaven's angels, not for wisdom to discern, not for faith that masters mountains, for this better gift we yearn; may love be ours, Lord; may love be ours.

Love is humble, love is gentle, love is tender, true, and kind; love is gracious, ever patient, generous of heart and mind. May love be ours, Lord; may love be ours.

Never jealous, never selfish, love does not rejoice in wrong; never boastful or resentful, love believes and suffers long. May love be ours, Lord; may love be ours.

Soon will fade the word of wisdom, faith and hope be one day past; when we see our Savior clearly, love it is alone will last. May love be ours, Lord; may love be ours.

Based on 1 Cor. 13

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The Offertory: "The Servant Song" Michael Burkhardt

The Offering

Today's Offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and for Next Step. 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (pg.1805)

The Sermon: "THE HOLY KISS"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: <u>Lift Up Your Hearts 257:1-4, 6</u> "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: Amen.

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Allegro" from the Organ Concerto No. 13 G. F. Handel

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist Glenda Buteyn, Jan Doornbos – vocalist

The chancel flowers are given by **Glenda Buteyn** in loving memory of her parents **Henry and Sadie Buteyn** and her sister **Kathy Buteyn**.

The October special offering is for Next Step. Next Step is a faith-based nonprofit employing people coming out of prison or rehab and providing them with a community of support that will help them integrate into the workforce, regain hope, and empower themselves to create a better future.

Livestreaming worship is available at <u>lagrave.org</u>