

October 21, 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:

“Largo and Allegro” Archangelo Corelli, arr. Charles Callahan
“Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,
arr. Robert D. Hawkins

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“For the Music of Creation” (8:40)
For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings, for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things: God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice. Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!

All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet, worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet; over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace, harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!

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“All Creatures of Our God and King” (11:00)
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing: alleluia, alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, and shining moon with silver gleam, O praise him, alleluia!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 19:1-3,5
“For the Beauty of the Earth”
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:4-9 (pg. 1060)

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful creator God, you made us beautiful in your image. You gave us a mind to know you, a heart to love you, a will to serve you and an ability to bring beauty and freedom to this world. But day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. We walk away from you instead of towards you. We lose sight of your beauty. Forgive us, Father, and help us to become more and more like 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 17
“Beautiful Savior”

The Profession of Faith (11:00)

**Nadia Grace Speulstra, Nico John Speulstra,
Payton Leanne Speulstra, Briana VanderVelde**

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 256:1,4
(11:00) “They'll Know We Are Christians”

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:

“Colorful Creator” Carlton R. Young
Colorful Creator, God of mystery, thank you for the artist teaching us to see glimpses of the meaning of the common place, visions of the holy in each human face.

Harmony of ages, God of listening ear, thank you for composers tuning us to hear echoes of the gospel in the songs we sing, sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.

Author of our journey, God of near and far, praise for tale and drama telling who we are, stripping to the essence struggles of our day, times of change and conflict when we choose our way.

God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word, may we be creators by the Spirit stirred, open to your presence in our joy and strife, vessels of the holy coursing through our life.

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The Offertory:

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Mark Albrecht

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and 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 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 31:1-11 (pg. 135)

The Sermon: **“FREEDOM TO: THE ARTS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5
“Let All Things Now Living”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Aaron David Miller

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Laura Muresan – flutist
Alanna Rynders – oboist
Ted Rozeboom – vocalist (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)
Ken and Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Lynn Setsma and Joanne Arnoys – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org

The chancel flowers and cookies after the morning services are given in love by **Phil and Marie Huizenga** who celebrate **Faith Hondorp’s** birthday today.

Music at LaGrave

Ruth Duck (b. 1947), an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, is worship professor at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, and writer of nearly 200 hymn texts. She is especially known as a pioneer of using inclusive language in her hymn texts. In her hymn *Colorful Creator*, Duck names God as Creator, Harmony of Ages, Author, and Poet of the Word, and recognizes and gives thanks for the God-given creative skills of human artists, composers, dramatists, and poets.

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.

This evening, guest minister Dr. Laura Smit will preach on Colossians 2:1-15. Her sermon is titled “All the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.” Dr. Smit is professor of religion at Calvin College.