

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

“Oh For a Thousand Tongues”

Alfred V. Fedak

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Timothy Albrecht

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J. G. Walther

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

J. G. Walther

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 565

“God Himself Is with Us”

(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: Colossians 1:15-23 (pg. 1829)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 542:1,3

“All Glory Be to God on High”

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 250:1,4

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem:

“In Christ Alone”

arr. Lloyd Larson

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I stand.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus demands my destiny. No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand!

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The Offertory: “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
Wilbur Held

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: Colossians 2:1-15 (pg.1830)

The Sermon: **“ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 335:1,2,4,5**

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “God of Grace”

Paul Manz

Dr. Laura Smit – guest minister
Norene Walters – organist
Jennifer Schroder – vocalist

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.

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 [lagrave.org](https://www.lagrave.org)