

October 28, 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:

“A Mighty Fortress”

Cor Kee

“Fugette on *A Mighty Fortress*”

Johann Pachelbel

“Voluntary in G Major”

William Walond

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Send Out Your Light and Your Truth” (8:40)

Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to your holy hill. Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to your holy hill.

Psalm 43:3

“Come Bless the Lord” (11:00)

trad. arr. Emily Brink

Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place, and bless the Lord.

Psalm 134:1-2

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 726

“The Lord is King, Enthroned in Might”

(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: Psalm 15:1-3 (pg. 850)

The Prayer of Confession:

God of truth, your will is that we never give false testimony against anyone. Forgive us when we twist someone's words, gossip, slander, or join in condemning someone without a hearing or just cause. Have mercy on us for lying. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we will be people who love the truth, speak it candidly, and do everything in our power to guard and advance our neighbor's good name.

based on Lord's Day 43 of the Heidelberg Catechism

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 721:1,2,4

“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth”

The Profession of Faith (11:00)

Lydia Joy Holtrop, Thomas Edward Wodarek

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 557:1,3 (11:00)

“O God Beyond All Praising”

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:

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies” (8:40)

Felix Mendelssohn

O Lord, send to me thy Holy Spirit that he may touch my lips as I sing again to thee with a joyful heart.

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, forevermore.

I will proclaim that thy Word is truth evermore.

“Blest Are They” (11:00)

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. (Refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Refrain)

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The Offertory:

“Andante religioso from *Sonata IV*”

Felix Mendelssohn

“Adagio from *Sonata I*”

Felix Mendelssohn

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 23:1-8 (pg. 121)

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 766
“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Allegro from *Voluntary in D Minor*” John Stanley

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist
Norene Walters – organist, pianist
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist (8:40)
Youth Ensemble, Bill VanEe – director, pianist (11:00)
Ivan Jekel and Renee Kuipers – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Evan Roelofs and Judy Otte – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

The chancel flowers today are given by **Cloe Ann Danford** in loving memory of her friend **Beverly Klooster**, former member of LaGrave and the Chancel Choir.

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

The aria *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* is an excerpt from the 1836 Oratorio *St. Paul* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). The text sung this morning, however, differs slightly from the Oratorio text and is from the pen of Lloyd Pfautsch, a musical editor, and partly inspired by Psalm 89:1. While the Oratorio text addresses God’s faithfulness, Pfautsch’s text focuses on God’s Word as truth.

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 will be our Thirty-Third Annual Reformation Day Festival of Hymns. Our choir will sing, the Western Brass will be here, and we will praise God in a service centered on the "I Am's" of John. Reverend Jonker will preside over the service.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org