

October 7, 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:

“Rhosymedre” (My Song Is Love Unknown)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

“Prélude modal”

Jean Langlais

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered from the curse to set me free.

(Refrain) Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me, on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell, how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.
(Refrain)

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 495

“Come, All You People, Praise Our God”

(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: Psalm 88 (pg. 925)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 664

“I Need Your Help, O Lord My God”

The Confession of Faith

What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

Why does the creed add, “He descended to hell”?

To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 173

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

The Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem:

“But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell” from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

But thou didst not leave his soul in hell, nor didst thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Psalm 16:10

The Offertory: “Choral dorian”

Jehan Alain

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: Matthew 27:32-50

The Sermon: **“HE DESCENDED INTO HELL”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251:1-4

“The Church's One Foundation”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Prelude and Fugue in G Minor” (Little)

J. S. Bach

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Norene Walters – organist

Jan Doornbos – vocalist

The flowers on the chancel are given in memory of **Jeanene Stevens** who entered heaven six years ago. She is lovingly remembered by her husband **Ron Stevens**.

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

