

November 11, 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:

“Psalm-Prelude No. 1” Herbert Howells
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
and saved him out of all his troubles.” (Psalm 34:6)
“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Aaron David Miller

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple” (8:40) Karle Erickson
The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

“Be Still, for the Presence” (11:00) David Evans
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 518

“Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”

(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

Call to Confession: Matthew 25:34-40

The Prayer of Confession:

O Lord God Almighty, you let go of the glory of heaven and made your dwelling with us. You reveal yourself in the hungry and thirsty. Your face can be seen in the homeless stranger and the vulnerable infant. You suffer with those in hospitals and prisons.

We confess that we are blind to your presence in the poor, and we look away from the widow, orphan, and foreigner. Forgive us for neglecting your sisters and brothers in need. Fill us with compassion that is nurtured by service to others. Give us eyes that seek out people who are poor in our city. Give us feet to walk into hospitals and prisons where you reside.

Give us hands to embrace the lonely stranger.

Give us a new heart of love.

Through 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 295

“Let Justice Flow”

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:

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument” (8:40) Jonathan Willcocks

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, may there be union, where there is doubt, faith.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is despair, let there be hope, where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, may there be joy! May we all be in peace and may that peace come unto each of us.

“Prayer of Thanksgiving” (11:00)

Mark Wilson

We kneel in wonder before your presence, O God of mercy, power and might. The earth is filled with your glory; the heavens reflect your light! Alleluia!

We will remember your lovingkindness to all who suffer sorrow and pain; your mercy toward the unworthy who call upon your name. Alleluia!

Accept our praises for all your goodness surrounding us to bless us each day. Receive our song of thanksgiving, your grateful children pray. Alleluia! Amen.

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The Offertory:

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Anne Krentz Organ

The Offering:

Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and World Renew. 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 22:21-27 (pg. 121)

The Sermon: **“FREEDOM TO: CARE FOR THE POOR”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: *Worship & Rejoice 575*
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Trumpet Tune on *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*”
Larry Visser

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Youth Ensemble, Bill VanEe – director, pianist (11:00)

Dee DeKryger and Renee Kuipers – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Jenny Talsma and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Jonathan Willocks (b. 1953), son of the late Sir David Willocks, was a boy chorister at King’s College in Cambridge, England, and graduated with honors from Cambridge University. His musical career includes both conducting and composing. His anthem based on the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi is from a large multi-movement work for chorus and orchestra, *Lux Perpetua. Lord, Make Me and Instrument* beautifully paints Assisi’s text, beginning tranquilly, building to “may there be joy,” and ending with a quiet prayer for serenity and peace among all people.

The November special offering is for World Renew. World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation through Community Development, Disaster Response and Rehabilitation and work for Peace and Justice.

This evening, Rev. John Steigenga, pastor emeritus, will lead us in our worship. He will preach on Galatians 2:11-21. His sermon is titled “Making it Personal.” We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org