

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* 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:

"All Praise to You, My God, This Night" Robert A. Hobby
"Concerto No. 1 in G Major" J. S. Bach
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" J. Wayne Kerr, Johann Walther

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 513

"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The First Reading: Psalm 32 (pg. 867)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 669:1-3 "How Blest Are They Whose Trespass"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory: "Allegretto from *Sonata 4*" Felix Mendelssohn

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 Sung Prayer for Illumination: Lift Up Your Hearts 764:1,4 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

The Second Reading: Galatians 2:11-21 (pg. 1858)

The Sermon: "MAKING IT PERSONAL"

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 709 "Jesus Loves Me"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you for giving Jesus as the bread of life. Through his sacrifice you forgive our sins, you feed our souls, and you give us abundant life.

We thank you that in Jesus, you give us strength for today and hope for eternity.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Invitation

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). Respond to the elder's words with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far right. Children are welcome to come to a serving station for a blessing from the pastor. During the communion, the congregation will sing the following hymns:

The Communion

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

- 1. Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold, me, O fold me, close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**
- 2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King; only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.**
- 3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.**
- 4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.**

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

1. **Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.**
2. **Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace; your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase. No other work but yours, no other blood will do; no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.**
3. **I praise the Christ of God I rest on love divine; and with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine. My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives; I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.** LUYH 624

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1. **When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.**
3. **See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.** LUYH 175

*The Response of Praise:

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 351

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Wayne L. Wold

Rev. John Steigenga – minister emeritus
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

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.