

## November 18, 2018

Pre-Thanksgiving Service

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:

- "Old Hundredth" (Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow) Piet Post  
"The Kingsfold Trumpet" (We Sing the Mighty Power of God) Alfred V. Fedak  
"Air for G-String" J. S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

- "Make a Joyful Noise" Karle Erickson  
*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and come into his presence with singing!* Psalm 100:1-2

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 473

- "Come, You Thankful People, Come"  
*(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 58:1-9a (pg. 893)

The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 591:1,2,3,5**

- "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

- "Harvest Home" Henry Purcell  
*The hay is mowed and the corn is reaped, the barns are full and the pantry's heaped.*

*Refrain: Come, oh, come, and merrily sing for the harvest home. Alleluia for the harvest home!*

*The grain is gathered and milled and sacked, the fruit of the summer is safely stacked. (Refrain)*

*God all merciful freely shares his bountiful blessing with all his heirs. (Refrain)*

The Offertory:

- "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Cathy Moklebust

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Psalm 103 (pg. 938)

The Sermon: **"MEMO TO SELF"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Presentation of Gifts for Thanksgiving

- As we bring our gifts of food and money for the Westminster Food Pantry, let us sing the hymns of dedication.*

The Hymns of Dedication:

- "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"
- We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**
  - We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your**

wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes, if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

- There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.**

LUYH 10

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

- Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- God bless the labor we bring to serve you; that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you; harvesting, milling for daily bread.**
- You are providing food for your children, your wisdom guiding teaches us share one with another so that, rejoicing, others may know you and praise your care.**
- Then will your blessing reach every people, all lands confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning no one will hunger, your love sustaining, fruitful the land.**

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The Prayer of Dedication

- \*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936:2  
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Now Thank We All Our God from *Cantata 79*” J. S. Bach

Rev. David Bast – guest minister  
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist  
Norene Walters – organist  
Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director  
Karen Schipper – accompanist  
Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director

This evening we welcome **Reverend David Bast** to our worship. Reverend David Bast is a retired minister in the Reformed Church of America. He was president of Words of Hope ministries for 23 years. He also served as one of our interim ministers back in 2012-2013.

The flowers on the chancel are in memory of my parents, Marvin and Corinne Kuipers, who passed away many years ago, and my only sibling, Sharon VanderWall, who passed away five years ago today. **Renee Kuipers**

**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.