

Thanksgiving Day

November 22, 2018

10:00 AM

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. An asterisk denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

"Come, Give Thanks"

Larry Shackley

"Rejoice, Give Thanks"

Roberta Bitgood

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty power. Praise him forever. Sing of his righteousness, praise him forever.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Presidential Proclamation

The Biblical Proclamation:

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-7

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5

"Let All Things Now Living"

"... MOST OF ALL THAT LOVE HAS FOUND US"

For the Fruit of all Creation

The Bible Reading: Psalm 65:1-2, 9-13

The Meditation/Children's Message

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 396:1

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

For the Help We Give our Neighbor

The Bible Reading: Genesis 2:18; John 13:34-35

The Meditation

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 396:2

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

For the Harvests of the Spirit

The Bible Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

The Meditation

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 396:3

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

The Anthem:

"Let the People Praise Thee, O God"

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

God be merciful unto us and bless us; and show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth; thy saving health among all nations.

Let all the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

Psalm 67

We Respond with Our Gifts

The Prayer

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 398

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

The Offertory:

"We Gather Together"

Carolyn Hamlin and Richard A. Nichols

The Offering

Today's offering is for the Henry Beets Mission Society.

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 543

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Marche Triomphale" (Now Thank We All Our God)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Wesley A. Day

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

Greg Wells, Aaron Good – trumpet

Leah Bouwman – French horn

Peter Tigchelaar, Nathan Musch – trombone

Perrin Rynders – timpani

Christine and Andrea Hoekzema – Cross & Bible Bearers

Readers – Joellah Bouwman, Jude Westra

We welcome guest musicians **Greg Wells**, band teacher at Northview Public Schools, and **Nathan Musch**, trombone teacher at Calvin College, who join LaGrave member instrumentalists in providing the ministry of music. These instrumentalists receive honoraria from the **Sue Bos Muller Music Fund**.

Music at LaGrave

In his early career, Welsh composer William Mathias (1934-1992) was known as a conductor and pianist. He composed in several different genres, but is best remembered for his organ and choral music. Mathias wrote music for many royal occasions, including the anthem *Let the People Praise Thee, O God* for the July 29, 1981 marriage of Charles and Diana, the Prince and Princess of Wales at London's St. Paul's Cathedral. This Psalm 67 setting is full of rhythmic energy and dissonant cluster chords in the vocal parts, along with an exciting organ accompaniment displaying the composer's vast knowledge of the instrument.

Today's offering is for the **Henry Beets Mission Society** of LaGrave Church as it continues to support missionaries around the world, many of them in unique situations. This is one of three offerings received at LaGrave for HBMS this year. (The HBMS does not receive any budget allocations.) Please prayerfully consider the amount you can give in this collection or to the HBMS before the end of the year. Because of your giving and your praying, thousands more people hear about Jesus. Thank you for your gifts.