

**November 25, 2018**

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.

**MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM**

***God Calls Us to Worship***

The Prelude: “A Baptismal Prelude”

Jesus Loves Me

Elegy (Children of the Heavenly Father)

Albert Travis

James Biery

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Be Still, for the Presence” (8:40)

*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.*

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“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (11:00)

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; set your minds on things eternal, for with blessing in his hand Christ our Lord to earth descended, came our homage to command.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 601

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*(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: Hebrews 4:14-16

The Prayer of Confession:

**Glorious God, you dwell in inapproachable light. Long ago your people stood in fear at a distance and begged Moses to approach you on their behalf. Today we have a great High Priest who stands in for us before you. Because of Jesus, we may come into your presence. Forgive us when we take access to you for granted.**

**Restore to us the awe and wonder of being your people, welcomed to come to you in faith, assured of your mercy. In Christ's name, 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 210:1,2,3

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus’

***We Remember God’s Covenant Promises***

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*(Children 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may come forward to witness the baptism.)*

(8:40) **Roran Walker Bowden**, son of Reed & Kirsten Bowden; Prayer Partner: Marge Penning

(11:00) **Riley Joseph Caudle**, son of Nick & Amy Caudle  
Prayer Partners: Joe & Diane Tower

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 730:1,3

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

The Baptismal Blessing

The Response: “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine**

**forever. Go, my children, with my blessing;**

**you are my own.**

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***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Anthem: “Psalm 105” (8:40) Genevan Psalm, arr. John Worst

*Trumpet the name! Praise be to our Lord! Cry out the good*

*news of his great deeds! Sing from your hearts, play songs for him! Chant through the world God’s acts of might! Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and cheer his holy name!*

*Discover God’s almighty power, keep searching his sure testimonies. Think on surprising wonders done, by miracles, just judgments won. All followers of Abraham, let faith make your election sure.*

*Our own true God rules throughout all earth. As covenant Lord he is faithful, keeping his word to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Israel for generations thousand-fold: “I’ll lead you to a promised land.”*

*But awful hate pressed down the Lord’s folk; so Moses and Aaron were chosen to execute most fearful plagues curbing revolt against his word: pitch dark and water turned to blood, fish dead, and frogs in Pharaoh’s bed. The Lord but spoke horse flies ahead! Hail raining down instead of bread, grasshoppers hopped, increasing dread, God killed their firstborn sons, all dead, then God set Israel free, enriched. Egypt was glad to see them go.*

*God hung a cloud to cover them safe; his fiery pillar guided each night. When they complained, he dropped them quail, water gushed out from solid rock! His manna answered many prayers: God kept his oath to faithful heirs.*

*Exodus meant pure celebration: the Lord’s elect gained liberation! God gave his folk rich heathen lands, put treasures in his people’s hands, so we might demonstrate God’s grace alive before his steadfast face.*

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arr. Aaron Copland

“At the River” (11:00)

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel’s feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.*

*Refrain: Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)*

The Offertory: “Jerusalem the Golden”

Flor Peeters

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 40:17-38 (pg. 151)

The Sermon: **“FREEDOM TO: TABERNACLING  
AMONG US”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 770  
“In Christ Alone”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

William Lloyd Webber

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Julie Bowden, Sarah Colago – violinists (8:40)

Camille DeBoer – vocalist (11:00)

Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Susan and Evan Roelofs – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Camille DeBoer**, who sang in Calvin’s Capella and remains a frequent concert soloist in the West Michigan area, is also a member of Opera Grand Rapids, West Michigan Opera Project, and the Holland Chorale. We welcome Camille to worship at LaGrave and pray God’s blessing on her music ministry.

**Music at LaGrave:** *Psalm 105 (Trumpet the Name!)* was a 1983 collaboration between composer, LaGrave member, and former Calvin College music professor John Worst and Cal Seerveld, former professor of aesthetics at the Institute of Christian Studies in Toronto. The tune is taken from John Calvin’s Genevan Psalter (1562) and was arranged by Worst at the third

summer “Composer’s Workshop” at Calvin where composers wrote music based on Genevan Psalm tunes. Worst stated, “Our purpose was to show that Genevan tunes can make a contribution to 20<sup>th</sup> century worship,” which they still do today.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Chris** and **Kara VerMeulen** in celebration of their daughters **Alexandra, Anneka,** and **Charlotte’s** birthdays.

**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**, Reverend Emily VandenHeuvel will lead us in worship. Emily is a member of our church and the leader of our Middle School Ministries. She will preach a sermon on 2 Corinthians 2:18-22 and Q. & A. 129 of the catechism.