

November 4, 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:

“Andante, from <i>Three Movements</i> ”	Jehan Alain
“We Praise You, O God”	B. Wayne Bisbee
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	Donald Busarow

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Holy Spirit, Mighty God” (8:40)
Holy Spirit, mighty God, tune our ears to hear the Word; open our hearts, convert our lives; mold us strong, sound; make us wise.

Holy Spirit, gracious God, source of Sabbath rest and joy, gentle our hurts and still our cries; comfort, heal, bless; make us wise.

Text: Calvin Seerveld, 1983

“O Worship the Lord” (11:00) Hal H. Hopson
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. He is our God. Let all the earth keep silence before him.

Psalms 29:2, Habakkuk 2:20

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 529:1,2,4

“Gather Us In”

(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 11:28-30

Prayer of Confession:

We confess, Father, that we are stressed, worried, weary, troubled, and confused. Our burdens are heavy; we are tired and it seems that at times we are carrying the yoke of the world's troubles around our necks. We ask you to lighten our load, Lord. Give us your rest today. Renew our faith in Jesus and give us your yoke, which is easy, and your burdens, which are light. 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 665

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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:

“Nearer, Still Nearer” (8:40) arr. Fred and Ruth Coleman
Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold me, oh fold me close to thy breast, shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

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.

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.

“With the Voice of Praise” (11:00)

G. F. Handel

For I went with the multitude and led them out into the house of God. With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, a festal throng keeping holy day.

Psalms 42:4

The Offertory:

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Mark Albrecht

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 23:10-17 (pg. 122)

The Sermon: **“FREEDOM TO: REST AND CELEBRATION”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 699

“Like a River Glorious”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Gravement from *Pièce d’Orgue*”

J. S. Bach

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Ruth Bylsma – flutist

Jim Elzinga, Ben VanHouten – vocalists (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Ella and Grace Walcott – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

In 1717, George Frideric Handel entered the service of the soon-to-be Duke of Chandos in Egware near London. While in service there, he wrote 11 *Chandos Anthems*; the chorus *With a Voice of Praise and Thanksgiving*, based on Psalm 42:4, is from Handel’s *Chandos Anthem No. 6, As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams*. The opening introduction is a chorale sung in long notes by the choir men, followed by a lively fugue in which the theme is sung at different times by all four sections of the choir. A typical Handelian *Adagio* concludes the chorus with a final stately cadence of elongated notes.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory and to honor their mother and grandmother, Wilma H. Sandstra, who died November 7, 2013. From **Rob & Anita, Richard & Sarah, and Jason Entingh**.

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. Jonker will preach on Psalm 13. This will be our annual service of remembrance; an opportunity for all of us to remember some of the people we've lost in our lives, people whose absence still stings.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org