

January 13, 2019

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:

- “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Brother James’ Air) Searle Wright
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (St. Columba) Robin Milford
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (Dominus Regit Me) Eric H. Thiman
“The Lord Is My Shepherd” Raymond H. Haan
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”
Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you. By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding, open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit’s leading. Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 542

“All Glory Be to God on High”
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession:

Let us humbly approach our Lord and lay our lives before him.

The Lord has called us into his service. We are the sheep of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Jesus says, “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.”

“But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Merciful Father, hear the prayers of your people.

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord our Shepherd, have mercy on us. We have wandered from the paths of righteousness. We attempt to fill our souls with food and drink that does not satisfy. We fail to listen to your voice and find ourselves in the valley without light. Good Shepherd, forgive our sins and follow us with goodness and love all the days of our lives. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 53:4-6 (pg. 1147)

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts: 613

“Come to the Savior Now”
(sing stanza 2 a cappella)

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message

(Children, 4-2nd grade, may leave for Children’s Worship)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” (8:40) Thomas Matthews
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still

waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

“Shepherd of My Heart” (11:00) Francis Patrick O’Brien
My Shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want; green are the pastures where I’m led to repose. Near waters still and deep, God will refresh my soul. I am led onward in ways true to the Name.

Refrain: Guide me, O Shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the Shepherd of my heart.

If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness, no evil shall I fear with God at my side. There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort; you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes. (Refrain)

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing; goodness and kindness crown the days of my life. Within the Lord’s own house I dwell in peace forever; within the house of God my soul is at rest (Refrain)

Psalm 23

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The Offertory:

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” J. Wayne Kerr

The Offering:

Today’s offering is for Inner City Christian Federation and the LaGrave General Fund. 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: John 10:1-18 (pg. 1666)

The Sermon: **“THE I AM’S OF JESUS: THE GATE AND THE SHEPHERD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 225
“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Larry Visser
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Becky Rhoda, Mary Tuuk – soloists (8:40)

Choral Ensemble (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano; Jess Hollenbach – alto

Jason Reiffer – tenor; Karel deWaal Malefyt, Peter Redder – bass

Tom and Laurie Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Payton and Simon Speulstra – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

For centuries, Psalm 23 has inspired countless authors and composers. Several hymn tunes based on Psalm 23 are heard in this morning’s prelude, starting with a Scottish tune, followed by an ancient Irish tune, an English melody, and finally a non-hymn-based organ piece by local composer Ray Haan based on Psalm 23:2. The offertory is based on an early hymn tune from the southern United States, and the postlude, based on a Scottish Psalm tune, evokes the joy of “dwelling in the house of the Lord forever.”

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Joan Post by her daughter, **Mary Nyhof.**

The January special offering is for Inner City Christian Federation which provides housing opportunities and services that encourage family responsibility and independence, thereby helping to build stable communities. ICCF assists more than 2,200 low-to-moderate income families each year and continues to address the issues of affordable housing in Grand Rapids.

Tonight Rev. Boven will preach on John 2:1-11, her sermon is entitled: “Kingdom Signs.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.