

February 10, 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:

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
Richard Elliott

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“When Morning Gilds the Sky” (8:40)

*When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised! In all our work and prayer
we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry: May
Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise their voice
in hymns of praise: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

“O Come to Me, the Master Said” (11:00)

*O come to me, the Master said, my Father knows your need;
and I shall be, the Master said, your Bread of Life indeed. By
faith in him we live and grow and share the broken bread
and all his love and goodness know, for so the Master said.*

*Abide in me, the Master said, the true and living vine; my life
shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine. His
body to the cross he gave, his blood he freely shed, who
came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.*

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God Beyond All Praising”

(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.

Jeremiah says, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It will not fear when the drought comes.

Jeremiah also says, cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws his strength from mere flesh.

That person will be like a bush in the wasteland. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert.

Let us send our roots out towards the living stream of God's mercy.

The Prayer of Confession:

Oh, Lord, we are foolish, because we search for life in the parched places where sin lives. We follow our temptation toward greed, envy, and hatred. Afraid of ridicule, we stand still and fail to love the people who are suffering. Tired of your discipline, we sit down and listen to gossips, liars, and those who boast. Have mercy on us and forgive our sin. Cut away our self-righteousness and graft us into Christ. Transplant us by streams of living water so that our lives bear the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Revelation 22:1-3

*The Hymn of Commitment: Worship & Rejoice 360

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: (8:40)

“The Lord of Life, A Vine Is He”

Hal H. Hopson

The Lord of Life, a vine is he and grafted to him we must be; and thus we yield abundantly sweet fruit for all to taste and see.

If we be joined to him we know his strength and power will help us grow. His Spirit's grace will through us flow to prune and shape us as we go.

The Vine is he, the branches we for now and to eternity. His word sown deep in us will be both sun and rain sufficiently. Amen.

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“I Am the Vine; My Father Is the Gardener”

I am the vine; my Father is the gardener. Each branch that bears no fruit, he cuts away; while every branch that yields good fruit, he trims and cleans, so that it will still more produce each day. Now you are clean because of my Word's work in you. Remain in me, and I'll remain in you. Just as a branch without the vine can bear no fruit, so you must stay in me if you would bear fruit too.

I am the vine; if you, like branches, stay in me, and I in you, you'll bear much fruit in turn. Apart from me, you can accomplish naught for God; you're like a branch that withers and is burned. But if you stay in me and I in you each day, ask what you wish; it will be given you. God will be glorified because you bear much fruit; for thus you show yourselves to be disciples true.

Just as the Father loves me, so I love you too. Obey my Word, and you'll stay in my care, just as I too obey my Father God above, and in his love remain fore'er and e'er. I've told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your own joy may now overflow. Here's my command: Love others just as I've loved you; to die for friends, this is the greatest love you'll know.

Words: Susan H. Peterson, 1998

The Offertory: “I Am the Holy Vine”

Matthew H. Corl

The Offering:

Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and Wedgwood Christian Services. 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 15:1-8 (pg. 1676)

The Sermon: **“THE I AMs OF JESUS: THE TRUE VINE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 205:1-3,5
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” Keith Kolander

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Amy Henderson – vocalist (11:00)

Melanie and Jean Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Ingrid and Paul Speulstra – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Amy Henderson recently moved to Grand Rapids and is passionate about her downtown job with our neighbors at Dwelling Place where she is a Volunteer Coordinator. She received degrees in music and French from Central Michigan University and is also a writer of her own songs. Welcome to worship, Amy!

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Jack Tyler Boerema and Grandpa Jack Boerema.** Remembered by **Betty Boerema, Norm & Terri (Riley, Klaudia, and Martyna) Boerema, and John & Glenie (Tatiana, Anna) Hamersma.**

Music at LaGrave (8:40): Mary Kay Beall (b. 1943) is a well-known hymn and anthem text writer who is also ordained in the American Baptist Church. She conducts clinics for church musicians and choirs across the US and Canada. Her text *The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He* echoes the words of John 15:1-8. Many of Beall’s texts are set to the music of her husband, John Carter, however, this morning the choir sings this text to Hal Hopson’s popular anthem based on an English folk tune, *O waly waly*.

The designated offering for the month of **February** is Wedgwood Christian Services. Wedgwood extends God's love to youth and families through professional counseling and educational services. For those who aren't familiar with Wedgwood, a copy of a recent IMPACT newsletter is in your mailbox. LaGrave members were instrumental in founding Wedgwood over 50 years ago. If you'd like to learn more about Wedgwood, please go to www.wedgwood.org or contact Jim Boelkins. Thanks for your support.

Tonight Rev. Kristy Manion will preach on Psalm 139. Her sermon is entitled, “The Inescapable God.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.