

## February 17, 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:

“Andante (with Variations) in D Major” Felix Mendelssohn  
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Karl Osterland  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“With Music I Will Praise Thee” (8:40) Natalie Sleeth  
*With music I will praise thee, and magnify thy name. With melody in measure, thy goodness, Lord, proclaim; with note of golden trumpet, with flute and tuneful string, my song of adoration to thee I'll sing.*

*With anthems of thanksgiving, and notes of harmony, I'll sound my alleluias, most gracious God, to thee; for thou art my Creator who gave me voice to sing, so unto thee forever my praise I'll bring.*

*Alleluia, now let us sing! And alleluia, and praises let us bring!*

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“I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me” (11:00)

Thomas Hastings  
*I was glad when they said unto me “We will go into the house of the Lord.”*  
Psalm 122:1

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 110***

“We Come, O Christ, to You”  
*(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*

The Call to Repentance: Lift Up Your Hearts 682:2,3  
“Before the Throne of God Above”

The Prayer of Confession:

**Jesus, you are our Savior and our God. We confess you also as our Lord. Yet, often we want to be our own masters and we set our wills against yours. Forgive us and reorient us. Bring us to the crossroads so we can look. Show us the goodness of your way, help us to walk in your truth, and lead us in life that is really life. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: John 6:37-39 (pg. 1658)

\*The Response of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 453:1-3  
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Message  
*(Children, 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship)*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Thou Art the Way” (11:00) Christopher Steel  
*Thou art the way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee; and he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.*

*Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart; thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.*

*Thou art the life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; and those who trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm*

*Thou art the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.*

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The Offertory: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Harold Darke

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 in His Word*

The Scripture: John 14:1-7 (pg. 1675)

The Sermon: **“THE I AMs OF JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *God Sends Us into His World*

\*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 335:1,3-5***  
“Christ the Eternal Lord”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Benediction (8:40)

“The Lord Be With You”

Natalie Sleeth

*The Lord be with you your whole life through, in all you say, and in all you do, the Lord be with you and bless you all your days. The Lord protect you wherever you go, in time of plenty, in time of woe and make your life like a joyful song of praise!*

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\*The Choral Amen (11:00)

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Praeambulum in F Major”

Vincent Lübeck

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director (8:40)

Karen Schipper – accompanist (8:40)

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

Nate and Jake Versluis – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding and Carol Grussing – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Music at LaGrave (11:00)**

English church musician Barry Rose writes of Christopher Steel’s anthem *Thou Art the Way*: “Here is . . . a strong, logical, and memorable tune, with some more ‘modern’ effects being created by adventurous chords in the accompaniment. The musical construction allows the text to grow in intensity until the major key of the last verse, which gathers together ‘the Way, the Truth and the Life.’ In writing this text, author Bishop George Washington Doane (1799-1859) may have received inspiration from John 14 and George Herbert’s poem, *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*.

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. They are a distinctively Christian, professionally excellent community of caring, dedicated to helping young people develop the ability to live secure and productive lives. For over 50 years, they’ve been extending God's love to children, adults, and families through professional services that promote healing and wholeness. 85% of the troubled youth served in Wedgwood’s residential

programs successfully complete treatment, and go on to live lives filled with meaning and purpose.

**Tonight** Rev. Peter Jonker will preach on Psalm 23. His sermon is entitled, “New Treasure from Old Places.”

**The Season from Christmas to Lent:** From Christmas until the beginning of Lent is the liturgical season of Epiphany. The colors of gold and white symbolize this time of joy and thanksgiving. We celebrate Jesus Christ as the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. It is a time to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ and reflect his light in our lives.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).