

February 24, 2019

132nd Anniversary Sunday

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:

“Death and Resurrection”

Jean Langlais

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Michael Bedford

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (8:40)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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The Handbell Introit: (11:00)

“Thine Is the Glory”

arr. Margaret Tucker

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory, thou over death hast won.

We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 187

“Thine Is the Glory”

(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.

Paul says, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Paul also says, set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

Let us, therefore, bear with each other and forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven us.

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, the fall has poisoned our nature, and we are born sinners. Out of our hearts come envy, hatred, anger, and unforgiveness, which are the root of murder. We confess that our natural tendency is to hate you and our neighbor. We are dead in sin. But, by your resurrection, you now share your righteousness with us. You are the guarantee that we already have new life and will share in your glorious resurrection. Until that day, make us wholeheartedly willing and ready to live for you. Amen.

Based on L. D. 17

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Colossians 3:12-14 (pg. 1832)

*The Hymn of Commitment: *Worship & Rejoice 298*

“The Day of Resurrection”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Since By Man Came Death” from *Messiah* (8:40)

George Frideric Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Cor. 15:21

The Offertory: “I am the Bread of Life” (8:40) Ron Schmolze

I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live forever.

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” (11:00)

Then let us sing for whom he won the fight. Alleluia! arr. Larry Visser

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 11:17-27 (pg. 1669)

The Sermon: **“THE I AM'S OF JESUS: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 193:1,2,3,5,7

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Thine Is the Glory”

Aaron David Miller

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)
Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director (11:00)
Perrin Rynders – timpanist (11:00)
Tom and Laurie Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Ingrid and Paul Speulstra – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Scheduled to be published in 2019, *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* was commissioned by the *Celebration of Music Series* of Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids to memorialize Helen Stroh (1931-2013), mother of Kurt Stroh, who served as Trinity's Director of Music from 1980-2011. The five sections of this arrangement musically depict images from the corresponding 5-stanza hymn text authored by Fred Pratt Green: "When in our music God is glorified, it is as if the whole creation cried: Alleluia" (v. 1); "How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound" (v. 2); "So has the Church . . . through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue" (v. 3); "And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light?" (v. 4), which incorporates Helen's favorite hymn, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*; and "Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight" (v. 5).

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Andrea Dekker**. They are given with gratitude for the joy she brought to **Grace, Max, Anne, Sara, Jeff** and **Don Dekker**.

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 Hebrews 12:1-3. His sermon is entitled, "Unashamed." The King's Choraliers will provide the ministry of music.

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.