

February 24, 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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“At the Name of Jesus” R. Vaughan Williams; arr. David Hurd
“Andante sostenuto” Charles-Marie Widor
“Jesus, the Very Thought of You” Gerald Near

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Holy, Mighty, Worthy” Dan Forrest
“Holy, holy, holy!” Seraph choirs extol thee. Bending wings, they humbly sing of thy lofty majesty! Thou alone art holy! Who on earth is like thee? Grant that we, like thee, may be holy, holy, holy!

“Mighty, mighty, mighty!” Sun and stars declare thee. All creation joins to sing of thy power and deity! Thou alone art mighty! Naught was made without thee. Grant that we thy power may see, mighty, mighty, mighty!

“Worthy, worthy, worthy” Saints in heaven exalt thee. Lamb, once slain, now raised to reign: Savior, Judge, and conquering King! Thou alone art worthy! All was made to praise thee. Grant that we in heaven may sing, “Worthy, worthy, worthy!”

“Glory, glory, glory!” We thy church, adore thee. Called by grace to bring thee praise; trophies of thy power to save! None shall share thy glory! All shall bow before thee. Father, Son and Spirit: One! “Glory, glory, glory!” Amen!

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 582:1,2,4

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Mark 8:34-38 (pg. 1571)

The Confessional Anthem:

“Lord, Do Thou Have Mercy” Tomas Luis de Victoria
Lord, do thou have mercy on me, weak and sinful though I be; make me whole once more, O Lord, and so shall I be strong, pure again to serve thee.

*The Confession:

Q. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A. **Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.**

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. **I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 29 & 56

The Celebration of Forgiveness Anthem:

“The Name of Jesus” Craig Courtney
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes my sorrows, heals my wounds and drives away my fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; it satisfies the hungry soul, and gives the weary rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place, my never-ending treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought; but when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of your name refresh my soul in death.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “Our Father” Craig Courtney
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
Matthew 6:9-13

The Offertory: “O Love” Elaine Hagenberg
O Love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

The Offering:

Today's offering is for Wedgwood Christian Services 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3 (pg. 1875)

The Sermon: “**UNASHAMED**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Reponse Anthem: “Not Ashamed” Dan Forrest
I'm not ashamed to own my Lord or to defend his cause, maintain the honor of his word, the glory of his cross. Jesus, my Lord, I know his name, his name is all my trust. He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

I know that safe with him remains, protected by his power. His power what I've committed to his hands until my final hour.

Then he shall own my lowly name before his Father's face, and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord.

The Litany of Commitment (Philippians 2:6-11)

How shall we live as God's people in the world?

Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 425:1,3,4
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

*The Benediction

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

*The Sending Anthem:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” arr. Tom Trenney

I want to walk as a child of the Light: I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Shine!

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*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Toccata in G”

Théodore Dubois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Norene Walters – organist

The King's Choraliers, Ron Rogers – director

Todd Wilkie – accompanist

Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

The King's Choraliers male chorus has roots dating back to the 1950s. The choir sings in a variety of venues both locally and across the nation and has also made several recordings. They will soon be leaving on a tour to Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. We thank the members of the King's Choraliers for enriching our worship through beautiful sacred choral music.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.