

March 3, 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:

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

John Behnke, Anna Laura Page, David Schelat

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness; you have spoken, we rejoice: words of love and life and freedom, help us make their truth our choice! Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you; spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 757

“O Word of God Incarnate”

(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 from Wisdom Literature: Prov. 2:1-11 (pg. 986)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 762

“Ancient Words”

The Prayer of Faith: Psalm 119:169-175

May my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law gives me delight.

Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 761

“I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Be Thou My Vision”

Michael Card and Craig Duncan

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou, my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true son, thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty gain, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Offertory: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

David Cherwien

The Offering:

Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and God's Kitchen. 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: Ecclesiastes 12:8-14 (pg. 1049)

The Sermon: **“WISDOM FOR LIFE'S PATH”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 926

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Processional in C”

Hal Hopson

Dr. Russ Palsrok – guest minister

Sara Good – organist

Jennifer Schroder – vocalist

Tonight we welcome guest minister **Dr. Russ Palsrok** to our worship. Dr. Palsrok is a member of LaGrave, the former director of World Missions, and an emeritus CRC minister.

The designated offering for the month of **March** is for God's Kitchen. God's Kitchen served over 175,000 meals last year to hungry people throughout West Michigan. A noontime hot meal is served daily at God's Kitchen in the Heartside Neighborhood of Grand Rapids. Nourishment and meal-time respite are available to anyone who visits the dining room.

