

March 10, 2019

*First Sunday of Lent
A Service of Holy Communion*

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, 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:

“Chorale Prelude and Fugue on *O Sorrow Deep*”

Johannes Brahms

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

C. Hubert H. Parry

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” (8:40)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us to evil power betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

“Magnify the Lord” (11:00)

Magnify the Lord, magnify the Lord, magnify the Lord who is my Savior and my God! Magnify the Lord, magnify the Lord, magnify the Lord who is my Savior!

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We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 264:1,3,5,6

“Lift High the Cross”

(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: Luke 9:57-62

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

Loving and patient Father, we are sorry for the excuses we make when it comes to following you. Forgive us when we say we will have devotions tomorrow. Forgive us when we think our work is more important than your kingdom work. Forgive us when we try to do things on our own rather than with your help. No matter what it might mean for us, Lord, give us the courage to take up our cross and follow you every day. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Concluded with Lift Up Your Hearts 613:4

“Come to the Savior Now”

Come to the Savior, all, whate'er your burdens be; hear now his loving call, “Cast all your care on me.” Come, and for every grief, in Jesus you will find a sure and safe relief, a loving friend and kind.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

A broken spirit and a contrite heart our God will not despise.

God showed his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

On the cross, he washed away our sin and freed us from our shame.

Thank you, Lord Jesus. We give our lives to you.

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship:

(8:40) **Ike Ondersma, Martin Postma, Hannah**

VandeGriend

(11:00) **Mia Ackerman, Ian Day, Norah Hollenbach**

The Profession of Faith:

(11:00) **Jordan Ezinga**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 329:1,2

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Contemplation of the Cross” (8:40)

K. Lee Scott

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, which before the cross we spend, life and health and peace possessing from the sinner's dying Friend.

*Truly blessed is the station, low before his cross to lie,
while we see divine compassion pleading in his dying eye.*

*Here we find our hope of heaven, while upon the Lamb, we gaze;
loving much, and much forgiven, let our hearts o'erflow with praise.*

*Lord, in loving adoration fix our hearts and eyes on thee,
till we taste thy full salvation, and thine unveiled glory see.*

*For thy sorrows, Lord, we praise thee, for the griefs that wrought our peace;
gracious Savior, we implore thee, in our hearts thy love increase.*

“For Those Tears I Died” (11:00)

Marsha Stevens

*You said you'd come and share all my sorrows,
you said you'd be there for all my tomorrows; I came so close to sending you away,
but just like you promised, you came there to stay, I just had to pray.*

Refrain: *And Jesus said, “Come to the water, stand by my side;
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied. I felt every tear drop when in darkness you cried,
and I strove to remind you that for those tears I died.”*

*Your goodness so great I can't understand. And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned;
I know you're here now, and always will be, your love loosed my chains and in you I'm free,
but Jesus, why me? (Refrain)*

*Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul, I know that without God I'd never be whole;
Savior, you opened all the right doors, and I thank you, and praise you from earth's humble shores;
take me, I'm yours. (Refrain)*

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 9:51, Hebrews 12:1-3 (pg. 1613, 1875)

The Sermon: “**FACES FIRMLY FIXED**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

*The Communion Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 614
“Come, You Disconsolate”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

During the passing of the bread
(please meditate while the organist plays)

During the passing of the wine:
Lift Up Your Hearts 166:1,2,3, & Optional Stanza
“Were You There”

The Offering and Thank-Offering:
Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund, the Benevolence 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. As we give for these causes, we will sing the closing hymn and stand when signaled.
(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

We Go in His Peace

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164
“What Wondrous Love”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Christ, the Life of All the Living” Jacobus Kloppers

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)
Sara Good – violinist (8:40)

Youth Ensemble, Bill VanEe – director, pianist (11:00)
Ken and Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Merv Kamper and Joanne Arnoys – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

The text of the hymn *Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing* was penned by an 18th-century English clergyman and later altered by yet another English clergyman. American composer K. Lee Scott's choral arrangement includes four of the original five stanzas and is based on an 18th-century Moravian melody. The simple tune, made up of mostly quarter-note rhythm, allows the message of the poignant text to be clearly heard and understood.

The flowers today are in loving memory of **Carl Mulder** who went to his heavenly home 15 years ago. Remembered by his wife, **Lois Mulder** and children, **Rich and Ann Bakker**

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.

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