

## March 10, 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:

Two Settings on “*All Glory Be to God on High*”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Partita on “*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*”

Wim van der Panne

#### The Chiming of the Hour

#### The Introit:

“Cantate Canticum Novum”

Dan Forrest

*Sing a new song. Cantate canticum novum. When darkness falls, when spirit is lost, bravely sing, sing a new song, a song of light. Cantate canticum novum. When all is silence and nothing is clear, bravely sing, sing a new song, a song of faith. Let it rise up from the spirit of truth, and echo from heart to heart. Joyfully sing, sing a new song, till all are filled with love. Cantate canticum novum. Sing a new song!*

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#### \*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*(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: Psalm 39:1-8 (pg. 876)

#### The Anthem of Response:

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

arr. Bob Burroughs

*Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art; fold me, O fold me close to thy breast. Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.*

*Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory, my anchor is cast. Through endless ages, ever to be, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee. Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, still nearer to thee.*

#### The Reading: Romans 5:1-8 (pg. 1750)

#### The Anthem of Response:

“Beyond the River”

arr. Sean Ivory

*Jesus, keep me near the cross there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain. Blessed.*

*Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. Blessed.*

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me. Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. Blessed.*

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. Praising my Savior, all the day long. Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

#### The Confession: Our World Belongs to God, par. 56-57

**We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

**On that day we will see our Savior face to face, sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious.**

**He will set all things right, judge evil, and condemn the wicked. We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior, whose shed blood declares us righteous.**

**We live confidently, anticipating his coming, offering him our daily lives— our acts of kindness, our loyalty, and our love— knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

#### The Anthem of Response:

“Way Over in Beulah Land”

Stacey V. Gibbs

*We gonna have a good, good time way over in Beulah Land. Oh, when we get way over in Beulah Land, yes, way over in Beulah Land. I'm singing way over in Beulah Land, yes, way over in Beulah Land. We gonna have a good, good time, oh Lordy, way over in Beulah Land.*

#### The Pastoral Prayer

#### The Anthem:

“O Filii et Filiae”

Ivo Antognini

1. *O filii et filiae*

*Rex caelestis, Rex gloriae  
morte surrexit hodie, alleluia.*

2. *In hoc festo sanctissimo*

*sit laus et jubilatio,  
benedicamus Domino, alleluia.*

#### (English translation)

1. O sons and daughters of the King,  
whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

2. On this most holy day of days,  
be laud and jubilee and praise:  
to God your hearts and voice raise. Alleluia!

#### The Offertory: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Raymond H. Haan

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: Romans 8:22-25 (pg. 1755)

The Sermon: **“HOPING AND GROANING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 660  
“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Blessing

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter  
*The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you and give you peace. Amen.* Numbers 6:24

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “All My Hope on God is Founded”

Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist  
Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale  
Candice Systma – director  
Leah Ivory – accompanist

We welcome and thank the **Chamber Chorale of Grand Rapids Christian High School** for their ministry through music this evening. Directed by Candice Sytsma, the Chamber Chorale participates in concerts both at school and throughout the community in area churches. LaGrave member Anastasia Watson is currently a member of the Chorale.

The flowers on the chancel 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 of Grand Rapids. Nourishment and meal-time respite are available to anyone who visits the dining room.

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