

## March 17, 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:

“Organ Hymn”

Raymond H. Haan

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”

Christopher Tye

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; from early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known. Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.*

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 432:1,3,4,5

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

*(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 40:1-10 (pg. 877)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,2,4,7,8

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*The Confession: “Our World Belongs to God,” par. 41 and 42

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

**The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.**

In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices, we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—to the only one in whose name salvation is found:  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.**  
**God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.**

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 363:1,2

“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

The Testimony – Jamie VanHekken

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 363:3

“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

**Perfect submission: all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Greater Love Hath No Man”

John Ireland

*Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man*

*lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

John 15:13, Song of Songs 8:6-7, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Cor. 6:11, 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:1

The Offertory: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Michael Burkhardt

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 15:7-13 (pg. 1765)

The Sermon: “**THE JESUS FACTOR**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 170

“Man of Sorrows—What a Name”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Fanfare on *My Faith Looks up to Thee*,  
*Thou Lamb of Calvary*”

David Blackwell

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

Mary Tuuk, Ben Van Houten – anthem soloists

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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