

**April 14, 2019**

*A Service of Prayer for Healing*

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**

The Prelude:

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

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“There is a Balm in Gilead” William L. Dawson

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*  
(Refrain)

\*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 638***

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

*(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: Hebrews 4:14-15 (pg. 1865)

The Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 439:1,3***

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Mark 2:1-12 (pg. 1557)

The Sermon: **“FAITH AND CRUMBLING CEILINGS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 303***

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

The Litany of Prayer for Healing (see insert)

The Hymn of Response: “Be Still and Know”

**1. Be still and know that I am God. (3x)**

**2. I am the Lord that healeth thee. (3x)**

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The Invitation:

*During the prayer time, the congregation will sing the hymns listed in the Order of Worship. There will be two prayer teams in the front and two teams in the back. If you would like a prayer team to pray with you where you're seated, raise your hand.*

*After you have written briefly your need on the request card, proceed to a prayer team and hand your request to the Pastor or Elder who will pray with you.*

Hear this invitation:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29, NIV

The Prayer Hymns: (while people go to stations for prayer)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” LUYH 665

**1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world's light; look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.**

“O God Whose Healing Power”

**1. O God, whose healing power is present everywhere, pervading all creation with your eternal care: look**

**now in your compassion upon this world of pain and lives now bound and broken make free and whole again.**

**2. O Christ, who came among us to heal the sick, the blind, to bless the poor and burdened, the broken heart to bind: send us where they are waiting for hands to help and heal and through the gifts we offer, your grace again reveal.**

**3. O Spirit, holy, healing, descend to us today. Restore to all creation the peace for which we pray. Redeem us from the powers that ravage and destroy till earth and all its people shall greet the dawn with joy.**

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“Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion” LUYH 127

**1. Jesus heard with deep compassion pleas for healing, cries of pain; cured the lame and cleansed the leper, gave the blind their sight again. At his voice, tormenting spirits fled a madman's tortured mind; clothed and healed, he went rejoicing, home and family to find.**

**2. Jesus touched the lives of outcasts, weak or sinful, scorned or poor; gave them self-respect and courage, trust and faith and hope secure. Truly hearing, truly seeing deep within each troubled soul, Jesus healed their wounded spirits, sent them forth with lives made whole.**

**3. Jesus, Lord, our true example, you have shown how we must live. Teach us how to share with others everything we have to give. Let our days be spent in service; bring us by your grace to know healing is the church's calling, and the path that we must go.**

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The Anthem:

“Where Joy and Sorrow Meet” David James White  
*There's a place of quiet stillness 'tween the light and shadow's reach, where the hurting and the hopeless seek everlasting peace. Words of men and songs of angels whisper comfort bittersweet, mending grief and life eternal where joy and sorrow meet. There is a place where hope remains in crowns of thorns and crimson stains, and tears that fall on Jesus' feet where joy and sorrow meet.*

*There's a place the lost surrender and the weary will  
retreat, full of grace and mercy tender in times of  
unbelief. For the wounded there is healing, strength is  
given to the weak, broken hearts find love redeeming  
where joy and sorrow meet.*

*There's a place of thirst and hunger where the roots of  
faith grow deep, and there is rain and rolling thunder  
when the road is rough and steep. There is hope in  
desperation, there is victory in defeat at the cross of  
restoration where joy and sorrow meet. There is a place  
where hope remains in crowns of thorns and crimson  
stains, and tears that fall on Jesus' feet where joy and  
sorrow meet.*

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The Offertory:

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Alfred Fedak

The Offering

*Today's offering is for Family Promise 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 Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 93***

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Charles Callahan, Alfred Fedak

**Immediately after the conclusion of the postlude,  
we will draw lots for LaGrave's new elders and  
deacons. Those of you who wish to witness the  
drawing and join in the prayers that will surround  
the selection are welcome to remain in your seats.  
Visitors and any others who would prefer not to  
stay are welcome to leave during the postlude.**

The Choosing of Office Bearers

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Sara Good – organist

Renee Vande Wege – vocalist

**Renee Vande Wege** is the Freshman Choir director at Rockford Public Schools. She also teaches elementary music and maintains a private voice studio. Renee attends Calvary Church. Welcome, Renee, to worship at LaGrave and may God bless your music ministry among us this evening.

The flowers today are in loving memory of **Henry & Clara Beets, Clarence & Anne Beets, and Bill Kuiper** given by **Jerry & Jessica VanderWall**.

The designated offering for the month of **April** is for Family Promise. Homelessness...one family at a time. Family Promise is an organization committed to giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

**Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of the last week of Jesus life on earth. Purple, the color of royalty, is used in the paraments and banners. It symbolizes the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palm branches symbolize the greeting the people gave Jesus, the King.