

**April 28, 2019**  
GEMS SUNDAY

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.

**MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM**

***God Calls Us to Worship***

The Prelude:

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

“Song without Words in E Major” Felix Mendelssohn

“Rondo alla Turca” from *Sonata in A Major*  
W. A. Mozart, arr. Robert Schultz

“Song of Praise” Mack Wilberg

“Holy, Holy, Holy” John Dykes, arr. Dennis Alexander

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (8:40)  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, you heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” (11:00) Brian Doerksen  
*Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God; come!*

*One day every tongue will confess you are God; one day every knee shall bow; still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now, come!*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)*

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***Jesus Calls Us to Walk with Him***

The GEMS Litany: (8:40) Nancy Stehouwer  
(11:00) Kate Koeman, Jessica Klop

Leader: God is the Fount of every blessing. He gives life, breath, and everything else. And of all the good gifts God gives, Jesus is our greatest blessing!

GEMS: Look up! Bless God by thanking Him.

Congregation: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Psalm 103:1-2

Leader: God blesses us so that we will be a blessing. We are blessed in Christ so that all peoples will come to Him!

GEMS: Reach out! Bless others by speaking blessings.

Congregation: **The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26

GEMS: Reach out! Bless others by sharing your blessings.

Congregation: **And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**

2 Corinthians 9:8

ALL: **We will abound in all that is good by blessing God with thankfulness and blessing others with genuine love and care so that all peoples can know Him, too.**

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 516

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

The Ministry Moment: (8:40) Ruth Witte

(11:00) Jena VandeKamp, Jonathah Bouwman, Laura Brandt

The Children's Message: Tina Rooks (with 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders)

*(Children, 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Take My Life” (8:40) Philip Lawson  
*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. Amen.*

The Anthem: Lift Up Your Hearts 559 (11:00)

“Ten Thousand Reasons”  
Refrain, vs. 1, refrain, vs.2, refrain – GEMS  
Congregation – join on vs. 3 & refrain  
Coda – GEMS

The Offertory:

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing” Charles Ore, David Cherwien

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 Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***God Speaks to Us in His Word***

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11(pg. 1801)

The Sermon: **“HARVESTS OF BLESSING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

## ***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936  
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Choral Amen (8:40)

\*The Choral Benediction (11:00)

“We Receive Your Blessing”

Grace and Natasha Moes

*We receive your blessing, we receive your grace, as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.*

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\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Gordon Young

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jonathah and Joellah Bouwman – pianists

Chancel Choir Women, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

GEMS Chorus, Tina Rooks – director (11:00)

Ken and Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Lily VanderVelde and Natalie Molenbeek – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Ruby VanHaitsma – Flag

### **Music at LaGrave**

For 18 years, English composer and singer Philip Lawson (b. 1957) was a member of and principal arranger for the King’s Singers. He is now a free-lance composer working at the Wells and Salisbury Cathedral Schools and a vocal teacher at the University of Bristol, England. His simple, yet beautiful, setting of the familiar hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be* combines unison singing, three-part harmony, and a final stanza descant which rises above the lyrical melody.

The flowers in the chancel are given by **Joady Hoekstra, John & Shelly (Johnny, Sam) Schat; Jon & Jamie (Ally, James) VanHekken** in loving memory of **Jim Hoekstra**, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

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.

**Tonight**, Rev. Jonker will be preaching on Philippians 3:7-14. His sermon is entitled: “Attaining the Resurrection.”

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