

**April 7, 2019**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

### *God Calls Us to Worship*

The Prelude:

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

“Variations on *Ah, Holy Jesus*”

Helmut Walcha, Mark Jones, Charles Ore

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*To thee, great One in Three; eternal praises be hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.*

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 568

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

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

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### *We Approach God with Penitence*

The Call to Repentance: Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 1630)

The Prayer of Confession:

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.

**But we have been proud in spirit,  
inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency.**

**We have forgotten how needy we are.**

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance.

**But we have valued toughness over gentleness.**

**We have too often chosen to be concerned with ourselves rather than with our brothers and sisters and neighbors.**

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

**But we have often presided as harsh judges over the lives of others. We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves. We have avoided obligations to care for or to help people in need. Lord, have mercy upon us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*(concluded by a time of silence)*

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: Matthew 11:25-30 (pg. 1517)

\*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1,2,4

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Message

*(Children, 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship)*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Lamb of God” (8:40)

Twila Paris

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died: the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)*

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“What Does the Lord Require?” (11:00)

Eric Nelson

*What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow? Then do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.*

*How shall our life fulfill God's law so high? Let Christ endure our will with grace. How shall our life fulfill God's law? What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.*

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The Offertory:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Everett Amos, Michael Burkhardt

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and Family Promise. 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: Luke 20:45-47 (pg. 1636)

The Sermon: **“FACES FIRMLY FIXED ON JESUS:  
LOVING THE LIMELIGHT”**

## ***We Respond with Dedication***

The Prayer after the Sermon

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 220:1,3,4,6  
“At the Name of Jesus”

## ***God Sends Us into His World***

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Toccatà on *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*”  
Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Becky Rhoda – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Andrea and Christine Hoekzema – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Merv Kamper and Judy Otte – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave (11:00)**

Eric Nelson (b. 1959) is a choral professor at Emory University and conductor and Artistic Director of the Atlanta Master Chorale. His contemplative anthem *What Does the Lord Require* is set to a text by English Congregationalist minister Albert Bayly (1949-1984), each verse of which concludes with the words of a refrain from Micah 6:8. Nelson’s lyrical music weaves its way through several key changes, while retaining the beautiful harmonic and melodic contour of the refrain theme in each stanza.

The flowers today are given by **Nick and Jean VanderKwaak** in memory of their son Theodore Nicholas who died of accidental injuries on April 7, 1982, at age 17.

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.

**This evening**, Rev. Peter Jonker will preach on Matthew 21:28-32. His sermon is titled, “Brother Yes and Brother No.”

**LENT:** The Liturgical season of Lent is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. For Christians, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal as we identify with the journey of Jesus in his death and resurrection. The colors of purple used in the paraments and banners symbolize the suffering of Jesus. They also symbolize the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But, purple also symbolizes royalty and Jesus the King. He is the ruler over all things.

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