

April 7, 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

The Prelude:

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

“Contemplation on *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*”

Richard Purvis

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

A. W. Leupold

“Two Settings on *God Himself Is with Us*”

Flor Peeters, Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Call”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath: such a Truth as ends all strife: such a Life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast: such a Feast as mends in length: such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move: such a Love as none can part: such a Heart as joys in love.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246:1,2,4

“God Is Here”

(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: Hosea 11:1-11 (pg. 1412)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 683

“How Great Is the Love of the Father”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. & A. 54 & 55

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 749

“Spirit of the Living God”

The Testimony: Roger DeVries

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:

“How Deep the Father's Love For Us”

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold, the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulder. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom, but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.

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The Offertory: “What Wondrous Love”

Gordon Young

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32 (pg. 1537)

The Sermon: **“BROTHER YES AND BROTHER NO”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Christine Amon – vocalist

Christine Amon is currently a voice instructor in the Grand Rapids area and an artist in residence at Park Congregational Church. She is an active soloist nationally in various genres including opera, musical theater, and art song. We welcome Christine to worship and ask God's blessing on her music ministry.

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.

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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