

May 12, 2019

Third Sunday of Eastertide

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.

“Spring,” from *The Four Seasons*

Antonio Vivaldi

- I. Allegretto
- II. Largo
- III. Allegro

“My God, How Wonderful You Are”

Larry Visser

No earthly father loves like you, no mother half so mild.
Bears and forbears as you have done with me, your sinful child.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Sing to the Lord a New Song” (8:40)

Karle Erickson

Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things!

Psalms 98:1

“Clap Your Hands, All You People” (11:00)

Daniel Burton

Clap your hands, all you people, shout to God with a cheerful voice; God most high is great and mighty; he is King in all the earth!

Make a joyful noise, you nations, sing the honor of his name; all the earth will praise and worship, all his people sing his power!

Blow the trumpet, strike the timbrel; strum the tuneful, pleasant harp! Take a psalm and gladly sing it, sing aloud the praise of God!

from Psalms 47, 66, 81
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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 187

“Thine Is the Glory”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Luke 15:11-20a (pg. 1625)

The Prayer of Forgiveness:

God our Father, at some time or another, we are all runaways. Unable to trust, we are blind to your goodness; we fail to see that everything yours is also ours in Christ. Thinking we know best, we strike out on our own, leaving you in the rearview mirror. Then the cold creeps in. Hunger prowls. We realize we have traded riches for rags. Forgive and heal us, change our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh. Make us a people who live to love you. In Christ's name, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 15:20b-24 (pg.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,2,4

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Profession of Faith (11:00) – Dan Romence

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1,3,4 (11:00)

“When Peace Like a River”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message:

(Children, 4-2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (8:40)

Philip W. J. Stopford

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; for the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; friends on earth and friends above; pleasures pure and undefiled; for each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given; graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. (Refrain)

For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

“Shepherd of My Heart” (11:00)

Tina English

The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green pastures, he leads me to quiet streams. My strength he refreshes, bringing honor to his name. Though I walk through the valley, with him I am not afraid.

Refrain: Shepherd of my heart, I can hear you calling me. You are there, beside me in the dark. Holding out your hand, you guide me safely home again. Close companion, dearest friend, shepherd of my heart.

The light of your glory goes before me on my way. You honor me with your goodness, your love will keep me safe. My cup brims with blessings from the kindness that you give. I'm secure in your presence as long as I live!

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The Offertory:

“Am I a Solider of the Cross?”

Fred Bock

The Offering:

Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and In the Image. 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

The Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20 (pg. 1821)

The Sermon: **“BEYOND FLESH AND BLOOD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 926
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*The Organ Amen

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Lead on, O King Eternal”

Michael Helman

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director (11:00)

Karen Schipper – accompanist

Deb Vogel – tone drum

Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

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

Marlene Padding and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (8:40): Immersed in music from an early age, British choral composer Philip Stopford (b. 1977) was a boy chorister at Westminster Abbey, played the organ and directed choirs in a number of English cathedrals, made several recordings, and is currently Director of Music at Christ Church in Bronxville, New York. His sacred choral music is fast becoming popular around the world. His fresh new setting of the familiar text *For the Beauty of the Earth* is dedicated to the choir of Belfast Cathedral in Ireland, a church where he once was Director of Music. The simplicity of the music beautifully conveys “our sacrifice of praise” for all created things.

The flowers are given today in memory of beloved husband and father, Don Scott, on the fourth anniversary of his heavenly home-going. **Jean & Melanie Scott**

The Special Offering for the month of **May** is for **In the Image**. *In the Image* provides hope, dignity and respect through the best shopping experience money does not have to buy. They provide a department store experience where any member of our community in need of clothing and household necessities shops for free.

In this evening’s worship service, Rev. Peter Jonker will preach on Proverbs 8:22-9:6; his sermon is entitled, “The Table of Wisdom.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.