

May 12, 2019

Service of Holy Communion

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* 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.*

“Voluntary in D”

John Stanley

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-2

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 832:1,3,4

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

(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: I Corinthians 2:9-15 (pg. 1771)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 334 1-4

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

arr. Alexander Schreiner

The Offering:

Today's offering is for In the Image 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Proverbs 8:22- 9:6 (pg. 996)

The Sermon: **“THE TABLE OF WISDOM”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 194:1,4

“Refuge and Rock”

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you for giving Jesus as the bread of life. Through his sacrifice you forgive our sins and feed our souls.

We thank you that in Jesus, you give us strength for today and hope for eternity.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration:

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Communion

When directed by a server, please come forward if you are able. Participate in communion by intinction: take the bread, then dip the bread in the cup. Servers will say, “The body of Christ broken for you” and “The blood of Christ shed for you”. You may respond to each with “Thanks be to God”, “Amen”, or your short personal reply of gratitude. Gluten-free and regular bread are both available at the station on the far left/east. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you in your pew. Non-communicant children are welcome to come forward for a blessing from either pastor. While communion is served, the congregation will sing the following hymns:

The Communion Hymns:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LUYH 837

1. **Let us break bread together on our knees. (2x)**

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

2. **Let us drink wine together on our knees. (2x)** Refrain

3. **Let us praise God together on our knees. (2x)** Refrain

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

LUYH 659

1. **Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold, me, O fold me, close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**

2. **Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King; only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.**

3. **Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.**

“Spirit of the Living God”

LUYH 749

1. **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

2. **Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.**

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“Be Thou My Vision”

LUYH 859

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.**
3. **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
4. **High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*The Response of Praise:

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

To receive power and wealth and wisdom and

strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 927

“God, the Father of Your People”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Fanfare”

Jacques Lemmens

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Jonathan Tuuk – guest organist

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. The *Free Store* is available to families and individuals who are in crisis. This may be due to a house fire, flood damage, job loss, homelessness, domestic abuse, etc. The *Shoes Help Our Elementary Students* (S.H.O.E.S) program inspires confidence, physical activity, and inclusion by providing a new pair of back-to-school athletic shoes for free to elementary students in need.

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