

May 19, 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* 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.*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Michael Burkhardt

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven”
Kevin Hildebrand, Anna Laura Page

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit

“Sing to the Lord, Alleluia” Joyce Eilers Bacek
*Sing to the Lord and let us rejoice, sing to the Lord, alleluia!
Power and praise, anthems we raise. Sing to the Lord,
alleluia!*

Sing and rejoice, lift every voice. Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!
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*The Opening Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 295**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
(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: Psalm 65 (pg. 899)

*The Hymn of Response: **Lift Up Your Hearts 398**
“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*The Confession of Faith:

We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—

eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

We know God by two means:

First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: God's eternal power and divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict humans and to leave them without excuse.

Second, God makes himself known to us more clearly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and for our salvation.

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*The Hymn of Response: **Lift Up Your Hearts 579: 1,2,4**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray” André J. Thomas
Based on a traditional spiritual

*Way down yonder, way down on my knees,
way down yonder, I couldn't hear nobody pray.*

*I couldn't hear nobody pray, well, way down yonder by
myself, I couldn't hear nobody pray.*

*I couldn't hear nobody pray in the valley, I couldn't hear
nobody pray on my knees, way down yonder by myself, I
couldn't hear nobody pray.*

*I couldn't hear nobody pray with my Jesus, I couldn't hear
nobody pray with my burden, way down yonder by myself, I
couldn't hear nobody pray.*

*Hallelujah, trouble's over in the kingdom with my Jesus.
I couldn't hear nobody pray.*

The Offertory Anthem:

“It Is Well with My Soul” H.G. Spafford and P.P. Bliss
*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows
like sea billows roll: whatever my lot, thou has taught me
to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let
this blest assurance control. That Christ has regarded my
helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

*My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought—my sin, not
in part but the whole, is nailed to His cross, and I bear it
no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul!*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the
clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend; “Even so—it is well with my
soul.”*

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: John 21:1-14 (pg. 1687)

The Sermon: **“COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: **Lift Up Your Hearts 179:1,3,4**
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Benediction: “Thuma Mina” South African
Thuma mina, somandla.

English translation:
Send me, Jesus. Send me, Lord.

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Albert Travis

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Sara Good – organist

Hudsonville Christian Eighth Grade Girls Ensemble,

Jess Hollenbach – director

Tammy Holwerda – accompanist

We welcome the **Hudsonville Christian School Eighth Grade Girls Ensemble** directed by LaGrave member Jess Hollenbach. May the music ministry of these young people enrich our worship and bring glory to God.

The flowers today are provided by **Curt and Ruth Witte** in loving memory of **Gayla Witte**, who joined her Lord and Savior Jesus in heaven eleven years ago today; and to honor the life and passing of **Rev. Wilmer Witte** three years ago this month.

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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