

May 26, 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.

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.

“A Prelude for Memorial Day”

Elegy
For All the Saints
Shall We Gather at the River

George Thomas Thalben-Ball
Raymond H. Haan
Robert A. Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest, and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

Psalm 84

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 281

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

(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 9:22-24 (pg. 1611)

The Prayer of Confession *(concluded with)*

Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,4 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 440:1,2,4
“He Leadeth Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message:

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (8:40) Malcolm Archer
*Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.*

*Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again,
I say, rejoice.*

*Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he
had purged our stains, he took his seat above. (Refrain)*

*His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. (Refrain)*

*He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow
to his command and fall beneath his feet. (Refrain)*

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” (11:00)

Sigrid Karg-Elert

*Come, follow me, the Savior spake, all in my way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, take my example for your
guide.*

*My heart abounds in lowliness, my soul with love is glowing,
and gracious words my lips express, with meekness over-
flowing. My heart, my mind, my strength, my all, to God I
yield, on him I call.*

The Offertory: “Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult”

Richard Hudson, Austin Lovelace

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 in His Word

The Scripture: John 21:15-19 (pg. 1687)

The Sermon: **“OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO”**

We Respond with Praise

The Prayer after the Sermon

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1,2,4,5
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Cortège”

Louis Vierne

Dr. John Rottman – guest minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Jim Elzinga – vocalist (11:00)

Lynn Setsma and Dee DeKryger – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Melanie and Jean Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

This morning we welcome guest minister **Dr. John Rottman** to our worship service. Dr. Rottman is a professor of homiletics at Calvin Theological Seminary.

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Former director of music at St. Paul's Cathedral in London and director of chapel music at Winchester College, Malcolm Archer (b. 1952) has composed a fresh new setting of Charles Wesley's well-known text *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* that is energetic and vivacious. The piece is accentuated by lively syncopation and a rising melodic line on the words "lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again." Archer's skill as an organist is evident in the joyful organ accompaniment.

The flowers on the chancel are in memory of **Philip P. Versluis** who left this home two years ago for his eternal home. We miss you, Philip! **E. Joyce Versluis & family**

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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