

May 5, 2019

Second 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.*

“Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand” Gordon Young,
Theodore Hoey-Nickel
“God of the Prophets” Jan Van Westenbrugge
“Anoint them prophets . . . priests . . . kings.”
“I Love Your Church, O God” Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Jesus, with Thy Church Abide” (8:40)
*Jesus, with thy church abide; be her Savior, Lord and
Guide, while on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee,
hear us.*

*May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she
find and the broken hearted bind: we beseech thee, hear us.*

“O Worship the Lord” (11:00) Hal H. Hopson
*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. He is our God.
Let all the earth keep silence before him.*

Psalm 29:2; Habakkuk 2:20

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 250

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Recognize the Faithfulness of God

The Testimony – Scott Sharda

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 262:1,2
“I Love to Tell the Story”

The Installation of Elders and Deacons:

8:40 – Nathan Versluis, Sally Jonker, Marge Penning,
Charles VanEerden

11:00 – Bruce Muller, Brad VanHaitsma, Polly Lindh,
Gord Bylsma

The Vows

The Charges

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 262:3
“I Love to Tell the Story”

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation (11:00)

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

(Children 4 – 2nd grade may come forward to witness the baptism)

Frances Zane Hekstra, daughter of Scott and Sarah Hekstra
Prayer Partner: Tonya Williamson

*The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 314:1,3 (11:00)
“Tell Your Children”

The Children's Message:

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Upon This Rock” (8:40) Jay Althouse
*Upon this rock we will build thy church, for here thy temple
stands. How lovely this, thy dwelling place, built with loving
hands.*

*Upon this rock we will build thy church, and we shall be
the stone. This strong foundation shall survive until we see
thy throne.*

*Those in need of grace shall find this holy place. Upon this
rock thy church will stand till we see thy face.*

*Upon this rock we will build thy church and praise thy holy
name. This house shall flourish with thy love; to heaven
thy power proclaim.*

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“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes” (11:00) Leo Sowerby
*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh
my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made
heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,
he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that
keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand. The
sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The
Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy
soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming
in from this time forth, and even forevermore. Amen.*

Psalm 121

The Offertory:

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Paul Manz, David Cherwien
“. . . through the church the song goes on.”

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: Luke 6:12-24 (pg. 1602)

The Sermon: **“ORGANIZED RELIGION”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251:1,3,4
“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The Organ Amen

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“The Church’s One Foundation” Charles Ore, David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jessica Klooster – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Della and Madison Landheer – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

Jessica Klooster is a graduate of Calvin College where she sang in the Capella. She remains active as a soloist and is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland.

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968) was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, attended St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, and began composing at age 10. His career included teaching composition at the American Conservatory in Chicago and posts at Chicago’s St. James Episcopal Church and Washington National Cathedral. He is most remembered for his choral and organ works. Stylistically, his anthem based on Psalm 121 is like that of much late 19th-early 20th century choral music with lyrical and, at times, chromatic melodic lines and late-Romantic harmony.

Today's flowers were provided by **Bill Stroo** and the **Glover family (Tom, Heidi [Stroo], Hannah, Hillary, and Dirk)** in loving memory of **Marilyn Stroo**, who passed away May 7, 2016. We miss her earthly presence but rejoice that she is still worshiping with us from heaven. Because of the gift of salvation, we know we will be reunited with her again!

Baptism Parament: The sacrament of Baptism is the sign of God’s covenant relationship with his people. Water is the primary symbol used in baptism. The parament is designed

as a cascading waterfall symbolizing the washing away of our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. A golden thread is woven in from top to bottom reminding us that God is with us from the beginning to the end of our lives and through all eternity. The crystal sparkles symbolizes the light of the Holy Spirit that guides us in every moment of our lives. The seashell holds the baptism water. The seashell has been used for baptism by the Christian church since the earliest centuries.

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, we will be celebrating the mission of Christ’s church in music. Our celebration of music will include a number of LaGrave’s music groups leading in worship and one of our missionaries, Dr. Ruth Padilla-DeBorst, will be preaching from Acts 11:19-30. Through hearing God’s word and celebrating the musicians and groups of LaGrave, we will grow in love.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.