

**May 5, 2019**

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.

**EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM**

The Prelude:

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship  
with a time of prayer and meditation.*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Paul Manz, Jacques Berthier,  
J. Wayne Kerr

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Be Still, for the Presence” David Evans  
*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him  
no sin is found; we stand on holy ground. Be still for the  
presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*

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\*The Opening Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 561

“Christ for the World! 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: Psalm 126 (pg. 967)

The Hymn Concerto: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Vs. 1: Junior Choir  
Vs. 2: Chancel Choir  
Vs. 3: Congregation and Choirs

\*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. **I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.** Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 54

\*The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.** LUYH 959

The Ministry Moment – Jim & Ruth Padilla-DeBorst

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Offering

*Today’s offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and for 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Acts 11:19-30 (pg. 1710)

The Sermon: **“WILL THE OFFERING BE WELL RECEIVED?”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 548:1,2,4

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata Brevis”

Daniel Gawthrop

Dr. Ruth Padilla-DeBorst – guest minister  
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Bells Gloria, Trish Brummel – director  
Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director  
Chancel and Junior Choirs, Merle Mustert – director

**This evening** we welcome **Dr. Ruth Padilla-DeBorst** to our worship service. Ruth and her husband Jim are missionaries with Resonate in Costa Rica.

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 that someday we will be reunited with her again!

**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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