

**June 2, 2019**

*Communion Sunday*

*Ascension Sunday*

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.**

*"Partita on Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* Charles Callahan

*"The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns Is  
Crowned with Glory Now"* Christopher Tambling

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

*"Holy Is the Lord"* Hal H. Hopson  
*Holy is the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 224

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*  
(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: 1 Peter 3:10-15a (pg. 1889)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Risen, ascended Jesus, in our hearts we set you apart as our Master. Yet so often we heed the call of competing lords. We seek what is expedient for us rather than submitting our wills to yours. Wanting to be the boss of our own lives, we wander down dangerous paths. Remind us that we are not our own; we belong to you. Forgive us and set us free for life that is truly life. In your name, Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. 1831)

\*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 227:1,3

*"He Is Lord"* (sing vs.3 a cappella)

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Message:

(Children, 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

*"Come, Ye Disconsolate"* Terre Johnson  
*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish. Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."*

*Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.*

### *God Speaks to Us in His Word*

The Scripture: Acts 1:1-14 (pg.1689)

The Sermon: **"WAITING WELL"**

### *We Respond with Praise*

The Prayer after the Sermon

\*The Communion Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 831:1,4

*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Please sing during the passing of the bread and wine.

*"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"*

- 1. O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, redemption's only spring, Creator of the world art thou, its Savior and its King.**
- 2. How vast the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee, and led thee to a cruel death to set thy people free.**
- 3. But now the bands of death are burst, the ransom has been paid; and thou art on thy Father's throne, in glorious robes arrayed.**
- 4. O Christ, be thou our lasting joy, our ever great reward; our only glory may it be to glory in the Lord!**
- 5. All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity.**

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*"I Come with Joy"*

- 1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.**
- 2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**
- 4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.**
- 5. A cloud of loving witnesses surrounds us while we sing as all the saints, forgiven, loved, immortal praises bring.**

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## The Offering and Thank-Offering

*Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund, the Benevolence Fund, and for Cherry Street Health Services. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.*

*As we give for these causes, we will sing the closing hymn and stand when signaled.*

*(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)*

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 220:1,3,4,6

“At the Name of Jesus”

## *God Sends Us into His World*

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Benediction:

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Larry Visser

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*Amen.*

Numbers 6:24-26

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Shout, For the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

David Cherwien

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

## **Music at LaGrave:**

One writer once referred to Irish poet Thomas Moore as “one of the strangest of all men to write hymns.” Because Moore is best known for his secular ballads such as *The Last Rose of Summer* and *Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms*, the public became shocked by his sacred poems. *Come, Ye Disconsolate* was originally titled *Relief in Prayer*, and the current text has been greatly altered.

Terre Johnson's contemporary choral setting of this hymn captures the consoling text through consonant harmonies and a flowing piano accompaniment.

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my husband **Tom** who moved to his heavenly home June 4, 2016. We can only imagine the beautiful music he is making in heaven.  
**Marge Hoogeboom**

**The Special Offering** for the month of June is for Cherry Street Health Services.

**This evening**, Dr. Neal Plantinga will be preaching for us on Psalm 139. His sermon is entitled, “The Inescapable God.” Dr. Plantinga is senior research fellow at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).