

June 2, 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.**

“Partita on *He Leadeth Me*”

Jon Spong

“Two Settings of *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*”

Paul Manz, Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O God, You Search Me”

Bernadette Farrell

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me; ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future, too.

Based on Psalm 139

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 2

“O Worship the King”

(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: I John 3:1-13, 16-24 (pg. 1901)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 23

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

*The Confession of Faith: The Recovery of Fallen Humanity

We believe that our good God, by his marvelous divine wisdom and goodness, seeing that Adam and Eve had plunged themselves in this manner into both physical and spiritual death and made themselves completely miserable, set out to find them, though they, trembling all over, were fleeing from God. And God comforted them, promising to give them his Son, born of a woman, to crush the head of the serpent and to make them blessed.

Belgic Confession, Art. 17

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 346:1,2,3,5

“In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“You Knew Me, Lord”

Larry Shackley

Before I felt one tender ray, before my eyes first saw the sun, before I knew one single day, you planned for me to live each one. You touched my hand before I felt. You spoke to me before I heard. You learned my prayers before I knelt, and knew my voice before one word.

Refrain: How can I flee your presence? How can I hide from your gaze? High and low, Lord, you are there establishing all of my days. How can I flee your presence? How can I hide from your gaze? It is too wonderful to me.

O praise, my soul, the God above, the Lord of sky and sea and land. Who lavishes undying love, and forms each life with his strong hand. (Refrain)

You knew me, Lord.

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The Offertory:

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Michael Costello

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for Cherry Street Health Center 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: Psalm 139 (pg. 974)

The Sermon: **“THE INESCAPABLE GOD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 407

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

Dr. Neal Plantinga – guest minister
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Renee Vande Wege – vocalist

This evening, we welcome Dr. Neal Plantinga to our worship service. Dr. Plantinga is senior research fellow at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Renee Vande Wege is the Freshman Choir director at Rockford Public Schools. She also teaches elementary music and maintains a private voice studio. Renee attends Calvary Church. Welcome, Renee, to worship at LaGrave and may God bless your music ministry among us this evening.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org