

June 16, 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 10:00 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

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

"Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord"

J. S. Bach

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Percy Whitlock

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"O Spirit All-Embracing"

O Spirit all-embracing and Counselor all-wise, unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies: unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward; surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford. Come, Stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death; come, Wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.

O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face, you show yourself amazing in unexpected place. We see you and remember what once our dreams had been; you fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within. Come, Fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you; undying Flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 523

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

(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: Based on John 3:6-8, 16:8 (pg. 1650)

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit, we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our self-sufficiency and open us in faith to receive your Spirit, who brings life and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:24-28 (pg. 1349)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 833:1,2

"There Is a Redeemer"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Sung Prayer: Lift Up Your Hearts 745:1

"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"

The Pastoral Prayer (concluded with) Lift Up Your Hearts 745:2

"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"

The Anthem:

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

arr. P. R. Dietterich

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

*And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can
guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy
Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.*

The Offertory:

"Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart"

David Cherwien

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 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 Children's Message:

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

The Scripture: John 14:15-27 (pg.1675)

The Sermon: **"I WILL COME TO YOU"**

We Respond with Praise

The Prayer after the Sermon

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 831:1-3

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Richard Elliott

Rev. David Bast – guest minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Christine Amon – vocalist
Glenda Buteyn and Joanne Arnoys – Cross & Bible Bearers

This morning we welcome **Rev. David Bast** to our worship. Rev. Bast is retired president of Words of Hope. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

Christine Amon is currently a voice instructor in the Grand Rapids area and an artist in residence at Park Congregational Church. She is an active soloist nationally in various genres including opera, musical theater, and art song. We welcome Christine to worship and ask God's blessing on her music ministry.

Music at LaGrave

J. S. Bach's monumental chorale prelude based on the hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* is the first in a collection of 18 chorale preludes that were composed early in his career and reworked shortly before his death with corrections and revisions. While the hymn melody is played in long notes in the foot pedals, the perpetual fast-moving notes played by the hands are thought to represent the violent wind and tongues of fire described in Acts 2:2-3.

The flowers on the chancel are in celebration of the marriage of **Hillary Glover** and **Dirk Tanis** who were married on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

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

This evening we welcome **Rev. Peter Gordon** to our worship service. Rev. Gordon is campus minister at Grand Rapids Community College. Rev. Gordon will be preaching on Jeremiah 36:20-26, and his sermon is entitled, "A Pleasure to Burn."

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.