

## 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* 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.**

“Four Settings of *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*”

J. S. Bach

“O Word of God Incarnate”

Daniel Gawthrop

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 763

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*(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 119:105-112; 1 Peter 4:11

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 759:1,2,4

“Your Word Sheds Light on My Path”

\*The Confession of Faith:

We believe that this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it.

**For since the entire manner of service which God requires of us is described in it at great length, no one—even an apostle or an angel from heaven, as Paul says—**

**ought to teach other than what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us.**

For since it is forbidden to add to the Word of God, or take anything away from it, it is plainly demonstrated that the teaching is perfect and complete in all respects.

**Therefore we must not consider human writings—no matter how holy their authors may have been—equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom, nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of times or persons, nor councils, decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God, for truth is above everything else.**

For all human beings are liars by nature and more vain than vanity itself. Therefore we reject with all our hearts everything that does not agree with this infallible rule, as we are taught to do by the apostles when they say,

**“Test the spirits to see whether they are from God,” and also, “Do not receive into the house or welcome anyone who comes to you and does not bring this teaching.”**

Belgic Confession, Art. 7

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 766:1,2

“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory Anthem:

“How Firm a Foundation” *(sung a cappella)*

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow, for I will be with thee thy trouble to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply; the flame shall not harm thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”*

*“The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”*

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: Jeremiah 36:20-26 (pg. 1239)

The Leader: These are the very words of God.

The Congregation Responds: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem:

“Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo

*Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world; they resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world wher'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.*

*Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, come to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ. (Refrain twice)*

*Martyrs' blood stained each page, they have died for this faith: hear them cry through the years; O heed these words and hold them dear. (Refrain twice)*

*(Congregation join on final refrain a cappella)*

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

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The Sermon: **“A PLEASURE TO BURN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 671**  
“Lord, We Hear Your Word”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation You Saints of the  
Lord, Is Laid for Your Faith in His Excellent Word!”  
David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Gordon – guest minister  
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Sarah Stanford – pianist, vocalist

**This evening** we welcome Rev. Peter Gordon to our worship service. Rev. Gordon is campus minister at Grand Rapids Community College. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

We welcome pianist and vocalist **Sarah Stanford** to worship this evening. Sarah, who has Lebers Congenital Amaurosis, which causes blindness, is also a violinist. She serves as co-sponsor for the Campus Ministry at GRCC. Sarah writes, “My music has been a God-given gift that I pray will impact others just as it has impacted me.”

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.

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