

June 23, 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.**

“Genevan Psalm 25”

J. Worp, Emily Brink

“Two Settings on *Blest Are They*” Charles L. Lenz, Thomas Keesecker

“Trumpet Tune”

Walter Webber

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—mount of God's unchanging love.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

(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 25:1-7 (pg. 860)

The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 63**

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

*The Confession of Faith:

Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior. We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way. God's electing love sustains our hope:
God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne. All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him.

There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

At Pentecost, promises old and new are fulfilled. The ascended Jesus becomes the baptizer drenching his followers with his Spirit, creating a new community where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make their home.

Revived and filled with the breath of God, women and men, young and old, dream dreams and see visions.

Our World Belongs to God, par.26, 27, 28

*The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 60**

“I Will Sing of the Mercies”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” Curtis Hanson
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood. There is grace for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for creations in the upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.

Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

The Offertory:

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Raymond H. Haan

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: Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 1505)

The Sermon: “**AN AVALANCHE OF MERCY**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 928

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

Rev. Kathy Smith – guest minister

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

Jess Hollenbach, Lauren Holwerda, Charissa Hasper – vocalists

This evening we welcome **Rev. Kathy Smith** to our worship. Kathy is Associate Director at Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. May God bless the preaching of His Word.

We welcome to worship this evening **Lauren Holwerda** and **Charissa Hasper**, former Hudsonville Christian students of **Jess Hollenbach**. Lauren, from Bauer CRC, recently completed her first year of study at Calvin College and Charissa, from Saugatuck CRC, completed her second year of study at the University of Michigan.

The flowers on the chancel are in honor of **Warren & Virginia Haan** as they celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary today. We thank and praise our Heavenly Father for all the blessings and good health He has provided for us. To God be the glory.

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

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org