

July 21, 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.**

“Solemn Procession”

William Lloyd Webber

“Aria on a Chaconne”

Joel Martinson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Awake, All Ye People”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Awake, all ye people, for now ye are free, your Savior has risen from the dead, your Savior lives. For he hath destroyed the last enemy. For God hath put all things under his feet. Your God is life and all-in-all.

If ye then be risen with Christ, then seek ye those things which are above, Set not your affections on things on the earth, but set your affections on things above. Your life is hid with Christ in God.

1 Cor. 15:26-27, Col. 3:1-3

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 21

“This Is My Father's World”

(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: Psalm 146:3-5 (pg. 981)

The Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, You are our source of strength; our hope today and forever. Yet we are prone to trust too much in the abilities of our own hands, the ideas of our leaders, or the skill of our doctors. Then something stops us short: we see the limitations of these good gifts. We realize again that only you can save. Forgive us when we make your good gifts ultimate. Help us hope in the name of the Lord our God. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:3-5 (pg. 1886)

*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 443:1,2,4

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Walter Brian Scrace, son of David & Kathy Scrace
Prayer Partner: Kristin Batts

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 23

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

The Baptismal Blessing

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Anthem:

“Cry No More”

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home, where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan, all is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.

Refrain: Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last. Love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near. Deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here. (Refrain)

Sure Defender, never failing radiant Savior, Holy Friend, Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again! Alleluia! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end! (Refrain) Cry no more.

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Raymond Henry

In my trials, Lord, walk with me . . . When I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me.

The Offering:

Today's offering is for Westminster Food Pantry 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

The Children's Message:

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

The Scripture: Isaiah 35 (pg. 1113)

The Sermon: **“HOPE FOR FEEBLE HANDS, WEAK KNEES, AND FEARFUL HEARTS”**

The Prayer after the Sermon

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 430

“You Are Mine”

Sing vs. 1 & 2, refrain

Sing vs. 3, refrain

Sing vs. 4, refrain

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Festive Intrada”

Walter L. Pelz

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Scott Bosscher – vocalist

Becca and Ellie VandeGriend – Cross & Bible Bearers

Having grown up with his family as a LaGrave member, **Scott Bosscher** maintains an active musical life in West Michigan. He is musical director of the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, is on the music faculty at both Calvin College and Grand Rapids Community College, and has recently been appointed as choir director at Mayflower Congregational Church. Welcome, Scott, to worship at LaGrave!

Music at LaGrave

Dan Forrest’s three-verse anthem *Cry No More* is a reminder of God’s everlasting love and mercy to his children in times of difficulty and challenge. Each verse concludes with the same prayerful refrain seeking God’s protection through the storms of life. This powerful anthem is exemplary of Forrest’s gift for composing beautiful melodies, which, when paired with poignant texts, touch the heart in a powerful way.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Stan Blom** in memory of **Tom Kearns**, who was taken to his eternal home on July 22, 2011.

The Special Offering for the month of July is for Westminster Food Pantry. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

This evening, **Rev. Jack Roeda**, retired minister of Church of the Servant, will preach for us on Luke 10:38-42. The sermon is entitled, “The One Thing Needful.”

Baptism Parament: The sacrament of Baptism is the sign of God’s covenant relationship with his people. Water is the primary symbol used in baptism. The parament is designed as a cascading waterfall symbolizing the washing away of our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. A golden thread is woven in from top to bottom reminding us that God is with us from the beginning to the end of our lives and through all eternity. The crystal sparkles symbolizes the light of the Holy Spirit that guides us in every moment of our lives. The seashell holds the baptism water. The seashell has been used for baptism by the Christian church since the earliest centuries.

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