

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* 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.**

“Adagio in E Major”

Frank Bridge

“Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadows”

Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God, You Call Us to this Place”

God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace. Here your hospitality makes of us one family, makes our rich diversity richer still in unity, makes our many voices one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.

Now assembled in Christ's name, all your mercies to proclaim in the hearing of your Word, in our prayer through Christ the Lord, in the ministries we share, learning how to serve with care, in the Spirit let us be one in faith and unity.

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*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 425***

“Christ Beside Me”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 27 (pg. 862)

The Hymn of Response: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 346***

“In Sweet Communion”

*The Confession of Faith:

In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices, we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself. God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.

Our World Belongs to God,” par.42

*The Hymn of Response: ***Worship & Rejoice 420:1-3, 5***

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. O come, Spirit, come, let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

based on 1 Corinthians 13

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The Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision”

Larry Visser

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 Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 1615)

The Sermon: **“THE ONE THING NEEDFUL”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 859***

“Be Thou My Vision”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Overture from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*”

G. F. Handel

Rev. Jack Roeda – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Scott Bosscher – vocalist

This evening we welcome Rev. **Jack Roeda**, retired minister of Church of the Servant, to our worship. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

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!

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

