

July 28, 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.**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Charles Callahan, Lois Hill

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise to the Holiest in the Height”

*Praise to the Holiest in the height and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.*

*O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.*

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 599

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Romans 6:1-14 (pg. 1751)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 695

“And Can It Be”

*The Confession of Faith:

God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:
sinner who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God – the first fruits of a new creation.

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

Our World Belongs to God, par. 5 & 6

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 823:1,2,4,5

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Of the Father's Love Begotten” Craig Courtney
Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be. He is Alpha and Omega, he the source the ending, he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see evermore and evermore!

*O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, blest with grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore!*

The Offertory:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Charles Callahan

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: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28; 42-49 (pg. 1788)

The Sermon: **“JESUS, THE LAST ADAM”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 821:1,3,4

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “All Glory Be to God on High”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Laura Smit – guest minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Sara Good – organist

Ashley Grace Stephenson – vocalist

This evening, we welcome guest minister **Rev. Laura Smit** to our worship. Rev. Smit is Professor of Theology at Calvin University. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in honor of my good friend, **Ron Stevens**, given by **Steve Nortier**.

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.