

**August 18, 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.**

“Psalm-Prelude No. 1”

Hebert Howells

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. (Psalm 34:6)

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Herbert Howells,  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are  
freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we  
can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and  
simply be.*

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### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246:1-4

“God Is Here”

*(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)*

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### *We Humbly Approach Our God*

The Call to Confession: 1 Kings 19:1-8 (pg. 555)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful and faithful Father,  
your love for your children is steadfast and strong,  
you always give us your faithful attention.**

**But we confess that we are not always so faithful and  
attentive. Sometimes worry makes our fear grow and our  
love shrink. Sometimes dark and destructive thoughts get  
too much of our attention. Sometimes we grow weary and  
lose heart.**

**Loving God, renew our strength. Bring us to the foot of  
the cross and wash us clean. Fill us with your Spirit so  
that we might live with hope and joy,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 43:1-3a (pg. 880)

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 329:1,2

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“My Rest Is in Heaven”

Paul S. Jones

*My rest is in heaven, my rest is not here, then why should I  
murmur at trials severe? Be tranquil, my spirit, the worst  
that can come but shortens thy journey and hastens thee  
home.*

*Let trouble and danger my progress oppose, they'll only  
make heaven more bright at the close, come joy, then, or  
sorrow what'er may befall, one moment in glory will make  
up for all.*

*A scrip on my back, and a staff in my hand, I march on in  
haste through an enemy's land; the road may be rough, but  
it cannot be long; I'll smooth it with hope, and I'll cheer it  
with song.*

*My rest is in heaven, my rest is not here, then why should I  
murmur at trials severe? Be tranquil, my spirit, the worst  
that can come but shortens thy journey and hastens thee  
home.*

The Offertory:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Craig Phillips

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for Home Repair Services 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, 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)*

The Sung Prayer for Illumination:

Lift Up Your Hearts 763:1,3

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

The Scripture: Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 1750)

The Sermon: **“AND HOPE DOES NOT PUT US  
TO SHAME”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Richard Elliott

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist  
Holly Baar – vocalist  
Jean and Melanie Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers

**Holly Baar** is a busy mom of five children, Mike and Lisa Hoogeboom’s sister-in-law, pediatric nurse at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, First Cutlerville CRC’s Worship Choir director for the past 19 years, and director of the South Christian High School Madrigals. We welcome Holly to worship and thank her for her music ministry.

### **Music at LaGrave:**

Two pieces by English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983) make up this morning’s prelude. The first is one of six pieces based on Psalm verses. Through the gradual crescendo and increasing intensity followed by a peaceful ending, one can sense the cry of the poor man and the saving help of his God mentioned in Psalm 34:6. The second is one of Howell’s few hymn tunes, written in memory of the death of his son, Michael. The arrangement played of this stately hymn tune is by prolific American composer, Michael Burkhardt.

The floral arrangements on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Ruth Ann Hage Worst**, dearly departed wife of **John Worst**, also mother of **Laura Worst** and **Sarah Bylsma**, and grandmother of **Mitch, Ashley and Zach Bylsma**. Ruth passed away on August 30, twenty years ago.

**The special offering** recipient for August is Home Repair Services of West Michigan. This organization offers educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

### **Ordinary Time – the Season after Pentecost**

Ordinary time is the longest time of the liturgical year. The colors used for Ordinary Time are green and blue. The green symbolizes growth. The blue symbolizes the color of water which is necessary for growth. It is a time for growth in our spiritual lives and in our service to the mission of the church.

This evening, **Rev. Jonker** will preach on Genesis 4:1-16, 17:20-27 and his sermon is entitled, “Jesus and the Outsiders.”

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