

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* 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.**

“Whiter Than Snow”

Anna Laura Page, Harold DeCou

“Rock of Ages”

Al Roberts

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Lani Smith

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways: wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave: wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,3,5

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

(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 15:1-4a, Psalm 51:3-5, Romans 3:21-25a

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 659

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 37 & 56

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 568:1,3

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Why Have You Chosen Me?”

Bob Krogstad

*Why have you chosen me out of millions your child to be?
You know all the wrong that I've done: O how could you
pardon me, forgive my iniquity to save me, give Jesus your
Son?*

*Refrain: But Lord, help me be what you want me to be, your
Word I will strive to obey: my life I now give, for you I will
live, and walk by your side all the way.*

*I am amazed to know that a God so great could love me so, is
willing and wanting to bless; his grace is so wonderful, his
mercy so bountiful I can't understand it, I confess. (Refrain)*

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The Offertory:

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Diane Bish

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16, 17:20-27 (pg. 1557)

The Sermon: **“JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 677

“For the Glories of God's Grace”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Te Deum”

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

Aaron Polet – vocalist

Aaron Polet is a recent Calvin College graduate with a degree in music education, a member of the music and worship team at Shawnee Park CRC, sings in the Calvin College Alumni Choir, and also teaches voice privately. We warmly welcome Aaron and pray that his ministry through music will enrich our worship this evening.

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.

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