

August 25, 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.**

“Prelude in G Major”

J. S. Bach

“Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth . . . Your
Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done”

J. S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

*All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and
and only true. God unknown, he alone, calls my heart to be
his own.*

*God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom,
passing thought: splendor, light and life attend him beauty
springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store newborn
worlds rise and adore.*

We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 22

“Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”

(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 Peter 3:8-15a (pg. 1889)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your
people. You call us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we
are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient,
legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us
and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your
indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.
Amen.**

Prayer concluded with: Lift Up Your Hearts 655:3

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

The Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24 (pg. 1889)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 443:1,3,4

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesu, Thou Art Watching Ever” George Frideric Handel
*Jesu, thou art watching, ever, weary never; make my inmost
heart thy dwelling. Come, make my inmost heart thy
dwelling. Lord, in thee is all my hope. Oh, what joy and
peace unending shall forever flow to my soul.*

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The Offertory: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, We Are

Gathered All to Hear You”

Richard J. Purvis

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Jeremiah 51:52-64 (pg. 1271)

The Sermon: “**PRACTICING HOPE**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 325

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Fughetta on the Name BACH”

Josef Rheinberger

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Jonathan Tuuk – organist

Mary Tuuk – vocalist

Melanie and Jean Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers

Music at LaGrave:

G. F. Handel's music is paired with K. Lee Scott's text in *Jesu, Thou Art Watching Ever*. The music is from Handel's larger 1716 work, *The Passion of Christ*. Scott's text prayerfully invites Jesus to dwell in our hearts, and concludes with the confidence and joy that believers have by placing all their hope in God.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Matt & Deb Vogel** in loving memory of Matt's parents Al & Eleanor Vogel.

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.

This evening, **Rev. Laura Smit** will preach on Hebrews 12:18-29; her sermon is entitled, "A Kingdom that Can Never Be Shaken." Rev. Smit is Professor of Theology at Calvin University.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.