

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* 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.**

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

David Cherwien, Flor Peeters

“Partita on *At the Name of Jesus*”

David Johnson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God of Creation, All-Powerful”

God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise, Lord of the universe rich with surprise, Maker, Sustainer and Ruler of all, we are your children – you hear when we call.

God of your people, your Word still stands fast; do for us now as you've done in the past! Yours is the kingdom, your triumph we claim, challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

(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 110 (pg. 951)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 210

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 31 & 32

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 853:1,3,5

“God of the Prophets”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Mark Hayes

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood. Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.*

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now. Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the clouds from sight received him when the forty days were o'er. Shall our hearts forget his promise; “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay. Alleluia! Hear the sinful cry to you from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me. Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

The Offertory: “Jesus Shall Reign”

Michael Burkhardt

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: Hebrews 12:18-29 (pg. 1876)

The Sermon: **“A KINGDOM THAT CAN NEVER
BE SHAKEN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 219:1-3, 5
“Jesus Shall Reign”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Fanfare”

William Mathias

Rev. Laura Smit – guest minister
Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist
Carlos Lemagne – 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.

We welcome **Carlos Lemagne** to worship this evening. Carlos is an international student from Cuba and a member of Ebenezer CRC in Jaguey Grande, Matanzas, the city of the headquarters of the CRC in Cuba. He began his studies at Kuyper College and continued at Calvin University where he is currently double majoring in Business/Marketing and Vocal Performance with a minor in Congregational and Ministry Studies. Carlos also sings in the Capella. May God bless and enrich our worship through his musical gifts.

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.

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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