

August 4, 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.**

“Andante Religioso”

Alec Rowley

“Be Still”

Ashley Grote

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song”

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.

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We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 523

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Repentance: John 3:5-8 (pg. 1650)

The Sung Prayer of Confession: Lift Up Your Hearts 747:1,2
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:15-17 (pg. 1755)

*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 746
“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Anthem:

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee. 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory Anthem: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame. The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove. My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

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 in His Word

The Children's Message:

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

The Scripture: Romans 8:1-7 (pg. 1754)

The Sermon: **“CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT”**

We Respond with Praise

The Prayer after the Sermon

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 234

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Marcia Eroica” (Heroic March)

Charles Villiers Stanford

Rev. Laura Smit – guest minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Jack Pott – vocalist
Marlene Padding and Olivia Huizenga – Cross & Bible Bearers

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

Jack A. Pott, originally from Cutlerville, is currently Director of Music & Arts at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut, Assistant Music Director for the Hartford Chorale (a 170-voice symphonic choir), and is a member of the music faculty at Central Connecticut State University. Jack and Larry Visser were classmates while both studying at the University of Michigan in the early 1990s. We welcome Jack and ask God's blessing on his music ministry.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in beloved memory of my husband **Dr. Seymour VanDyken** on the 6th anniversary of his death. **Barbara VanDyken**

Music at LaGrave

Set to the music of an ancient chant melody originating in a Parisian manuscript, K. Lee Scott's anthem *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* is a four-verse prayer to the Holy Spirit, each verse addressing a unique attribute of the Spirit: graciousness, truthfulness, holiness, and mightiness. Our ultimate prayer, mentioned in each stanza, is to be increasingly Spirit-filled, acquiring these four attributes in our own lives.

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, **Klaas Walhout**, who is a candidate for ministry in the CRC, will preach on Luke 12:22-31, his sermon is entitled, "Seeking the Kingdom."