

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* 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.**

“Cantilena”

Josef Rheinberger

“God Himself Is with Us”

David Cherwien

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

Have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God.

Luke 12:32

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 432:1-3, 5

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 43:1-5 (pg. 1127)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1,2,4,5

“How Firm a Foundation”

*The Confession of Faith:

What does the fourth petition mean?

“Give us this day our daily bread” means:

Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 125

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 369

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“If God So Clothe the Grass”

J.W. Bischoff

*Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. And yet I say unto you that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.
If God so clothe the grass of the field, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

Matthew 6:25-29

The Offertory:

“Day by Day”

Alice Jordan

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best – lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

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: Luke 12:22-31 (pg. 1619)

The Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 899

“Seek Ye First”

Sopranos are invited to sing the descant.

The Sermon: **“SEEKING THE KINGDOM”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 407

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Klaas Walhout – preaching
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Renee Vande Wege – vocalist

This evening, we welcome to our worship **Klaas Walhout**, a candidate for ministry in the CRC. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

Renee Vande Wege is the Freshman Choir director at Rockford Public Schools. She also teaches elementary music and maintains a private voice studio. Renee attends Calvary Church. Welcome, Renee, to worship at LaGrave and may God bless your music ministry among us this evening.

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**

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

