

September 1, 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.**

“Sarabande and Gavotte, from *The Holberg Suite*” Edvard Grieg
“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” George Shearing

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” James Ward
*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which
flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt
and power.*

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save and thou alone.*

We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

(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: Galatians 5:19-25 (pg. 1812)

The Anthem of Confession: “Kyrie” Antonin Dvořák, arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram;
adapt. by Gary Alan Smith

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

(Translation)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful and faithful Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:1:8-2:2 (pg. 1899)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 693

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory Anthem:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Craig Courtney
*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing
thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of
loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by
flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I
hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus
sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to
thee; prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the
God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for
thy courts above.*

The Offering:

Today's offering is for Exalta Health 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 Scripture: Galatians 2:11-21 (pg. 1808)

The Sermon: **“GETTING THE ORDER RIGHT”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 695:1,2,4
“And Can It Be”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“And Can It Be?”

Anna Laura Page

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Glenda Buteyn, Ben VanHouten – vocalists

Della Landheer and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers

Music at LaGrave:

Czech composer Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) wrote his *Ninth Symphony* while serving as director and composition professor at the National Conservatory in New York in the mid-1890s. The famous second movement has been popularized through words set to his melody; *Goin' Home* is the text most associated with Dvořák's masterpiece. This morning, the ancient Greek *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy) text is set to this beloved and beautiful music through the gifts of two American arrangers. This piece, as sung by our vocal duet, serves as our sung confession.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Marlene Padding** remembering **Marv** on his birthday today.

The special offering recipient for September is Exalta Health Services: Provides medical, vision, dental, behavioral and spiritual care services with fees based on household income and number of members supported by that income. Unemployment, lack of insurance or other financial factors are not barriers for service.

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