

September 15, 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 8:40 & 11:00 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

**Please prepare your heart and mind for worship
with a time of prayer and meditation.**

“O God, Be Merciful to Me”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“O Happy They Who Are Forgiven”

J. Wayne Kerr

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God Himself Is with Us”

God himself is with us; let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple; all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest reverence. Him alone do we own as our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1,2,3,5

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

(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 God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 2

The Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: based on Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

In Christ, we are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household. In him we are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 737

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

(sing verse 3 a cappella)

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message:

(Children, 4s, K-2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“When I Think Upon Thy Goodness” (8:40)

Franz Joseph Haydn

When I think upon thy goodness, and recall thy tender care, then, O Lord, my heart confesseth, how great thy bounties are. For thy love it ever floweth, like the sea, it hath no bound; when in grief my heart was broken, then, O Lord, was mercy found.

“O For a Closer Walk” (11:00)

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road. That leads me to the Lamb.

The Offertory: “I Come with Joy”

George Shearing

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free; the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

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.)

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 7:36-50 (pg. 1606)

The Sermon: **“HOSPITALITY AND THE HUMAN HEART”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 372

“I Then Shall Live”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Kyrie, from *Messe Solennelle*”

Louis Vierne, arr. Alexander Schreiner

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Mary Tuuk – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Ken & Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Melanie and Jean Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: (11:00)

William Cowper (1731-1800), author of *O for a Closer Walk with God*, suffered from chronic depression, yet his texts are full of rich poetry. He wrote this text after reading the Genesis account of Enoch walking with God. Steeped in the English cathedral choral tradition, Charles Villiers Stanford wrote an arrangement of this text set to a melody from the Scottish Psalter of 1635. His arrangement includes a verse (v. 2) that is seldom included in hymnals.

The flowers on the chancel are given in memory of the life and love of **Sher Engbers** who left this life to be with her Savior on September 10, 2018.

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.

This evening, Rev. Kristy Manion will preach on 1 Timothy 4:1-16, her sermon is entitled, “Preaching to Myself.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.