

## September 22, 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.**

“Air”

Gerre Hancock

“Ubi Caritas” (Where Charity and Love Prevail)

Gregorian Chant  
arr. Larry Visser

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 518

“Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”

*(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: Matt. 22:36-38 (pg. 1539)  
Luke 10:29-37 (pg. 1615)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Awesome and compassionate God, we know that we are to love you above all and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We confess that many times we love possessions, money, and success more than we love you. You ask us to love others, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. You created everyone in your image as your masterpieces, yet, we must confess that we often do not see others that way. In fact, we ignore them and sometimes don't see them at all. Loving God, as you come to us in mercy, we repent, we admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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 Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 665:1,2

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

The Commissioning Prayer for Youth Workers

The Hymn of Faith: Lift Up Your Hearts 928:1,4

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

#### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Message:

*(Children, 4s, K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

David M. Cherwien

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and  
our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and  
oft for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

The Offertory: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Ann Krentz Organ

Neighbors are rich folk and poor, neighbors are black, brown, and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

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 in His Word*

The Scripture: Luke 7:36-8:3 (pg. 1606)

The Sermon: **“HOSPITALITY AND SEEING  
CLEARLY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

#### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 601

“Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth” Matthew Corl

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Vocal Quartet, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano, Jess Hollenbach – alto

Jim Elzinga – tenor, Jason Reiffer – bass

Jake and Molly Versluis – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Evan and Sue Roelofs – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave:**

David Cherwien’s original setting of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* evolves at a gentle and slow pace, soothing the soul. Serving a small, poor Baptist church in Yorkshire, John Fawcett, the hymn’s author, received a call to a large and influential London church in 1772. He accepted the call, but on the day of his departure, his small congregation begged him to stay. This hymn text was written upon Fawcett’s decision to stay in Yorkshire.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Tony** and **Annie Tang (Aiden, Owen, Ethan)** in loving memory of Annie’s brother, William (Billy) Liszewski who passed away on September 21, 2002.

**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. Peter Jonker will preach on Numbers 6:22-27; his sermon is entitled, “This Is How You Bless the People.”

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).