

September 29, 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.**

“Prelude: The Children's Suite” Claud H. Bos

Jesus Loves Even Me / Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me /
When He Cometh / Oh, Be Careful! / Jesus Loves the Little
Children / Into My Heart / Jesus Loves Me

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “When Morning Gilds the Sky” (8:40)

*When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry: may
Jesus Christ be praised! In all our work and prayer we ask
his loving care: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry: may
Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise their voice
in hymns of praise: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

“Praise Ye the Lord” (11:00) Hugo Distler

*Praise ye the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
praise him, my soul, for he is thy strength and salvation.
Sing for his sake! Psalt'ry and harp awake!
Sound forth in glad adoration.*

*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 655***

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”
(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: Romans 12:9-18 (pg. 1762)

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we want to be a church that demonstrates your love and welcome. You've called us to take the risk of hospitality in our church, our workplaces, our homes, our schools, and our neighborhoods. You call us to demonstrate hospitality even to those who may not return the favor. Forgive us when we fail in this calling. As you have welcomed us regardless of our faults and sins, empower us to be a welcoming presence to all. Through Jesus we pray. 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 749

“Spirit of the Living God”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises (11:00)

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

(Children 4-2nd grade may come forward to witness the baptism.)

Clara June Kruyf, daughter of Zach & Carmen Kruyf

Prayer Partners: Perrin & Alanna Rynders

Ian Gerrit Veenstra, son of Ron & Melissa Veenstra

Prayer Partners: Mitch & Janel Schroder

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 801:1,2,4,5

“O God, Great Father, Lord and King”

The Baptismal Blessing

The Response: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LUYH 946

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.**

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my my own.

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The Anthem:

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (11:00) arr. René Clausen
*Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they
flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty
arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children
sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows
all he knoweth.*

*Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er
forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them
pure and holy.*

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (8:40)

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels” (8:40) Roy Hopp
*Not for tongues of heaven's angels, not for wisdom to
discern, not for faith that masters mountains, for this better
gift we yearn: may love be ours, O Lord.*

*Love is humble, love is gentle, love is tender, true, and
kind; love is gracious, ever patient, generous of heart and
mind: may love be ours, O Lord.*

*Never jealous, never selfish, love will not rejoice in wrong;
never boastful nor resentful, love believes and suffers long;
may love be our, O Lord.*

*In the day this world is fading faith and hope will play their part;
but when Christ is seen in glory, love shall reign in every heart:
may love be ours, O Lord.*

Para. of 1 Cor. 13
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The Offertory: (8:40)

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Raymond H. Haan

The Offertory Anthem (11:00)

“Jesus Loves Me” arr. John A. Ferguson
*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones
to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

*Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
(Refrain)*

*Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me
abide." (Refrain)*

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: Leviticus 19:9-10, (pg. 184)
Deuteronomy 16:9-12 (pg. 299)

The Sermon: **"HOSPITALITY AND LEAVING
MARGINS"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 278:1,3,4
"The City Is Alive, O God"

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Sung Benediction (11:00)

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter C. Lutkin
*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his
countenance upon you, and give you peace. The Lord make
his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*
Numbers 6:24-26

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: "Sing! A New Creation" J. Wayne Kerr

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

The Choral Scholars – (11:00)

Christine Hoekzema and Everett Smith – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

We welcome the **Choral Scholars** who provide the ministry of music at the 11:00 am service. The choir members are mostly Calvin College alumni and several are LaGrave members, including **Carmen Kruyf**, whose daughter is baptized this morning.

Music at LaGrave: Claude H. Bos, a regular visitor and soon-to-be member of LaGrave, grew up in a musical family. His *Children's Suite* for organ is a compilation of children's songs he (and many of us) learned in childhood at his mother's side while she played the piano. Each song is played twice with slight differences in sound. Claude has written music for organ, piano, and solo voice, and enjoys the craft of composition even more in his retirement.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Ron & Dee Day, Curt, Jennifer, Dana, Carmen** and **Ian Day** in loving memory of **Anna Day** who passed away on September 30, 2007.

The special offering for September is Exalta Health Services.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will preach on Acts 15:36-16:5; his sermon is entitled, "First Fight."

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org