

September 8, 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.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” J. Wayne Kerr
“God Who Made the Earth and Heaven” David Cherwien
“O God Our Help in Ages Past” Lani Smith

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God Has Spoken by the Prophets” George W. Briggs
God has spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging Word, each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord! ‘Mid the world’s despair and turmoil one firm anchor holding fast: God eternal reigns forever, God the first and God the last.

God is speaking by the spirit, speaking to our hearts again; in the age-long Word declaring God’s own message, now as then. Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast: God abides, the Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

AN EVENING WITH THE MINOR PROPHETS

HABAKKUK

The Bible Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-14 (pg. 1461)

The Meditation

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 426

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ZEPHANIAH

The Bible Reading: Zephaniah 1:10-18 (pg. 1467)

The Meditation

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 515:1,3,5,6

“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

HAGGAI

The Bible Reading: Haggai 2:1-9 (pg. 1474)

The Mediation

The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 388

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“How Can I Keep from Singing” arr. Richard Walters
My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation. I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth. What through the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging. Since Christ is Lord of Heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it, and day by day this pathway smoothes, since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart a fountain ever-springing, all things are mine since I am his,

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The Offertory: “A Mighty Fortress”

Wilbur Held

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 Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 934

“God of Mercy, God of Grace”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Seth Bingham

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist
Christine Amon – vocalist

Christine Amon, a voice instructor in the Grand Rapids area and an artist in residence at Park Congregational Church, is currently studying toward a doctorate degree in voice at the University of Michigan. She is an active soloist nationally in various genres including opera, musical theater, and art song. We welcome Christine to worship!

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Garrett and Barbara Stoutmeyer** on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on September 3. Thanks be to God!

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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