

October 20, 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.**

“Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners”

Timothy Shaw

“This Is My Father's World”

Timothy Shaw

“Come, You Disconsolate”

Kurt Kaiser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple”

Karle Erickson

*The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence
before him.*

Habakkuk 2:20

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 773:1,3,4

“O Lord, You are My Light”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Mark 4:36-41(pg. 1562)

The Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us, Father, when we are more fearful than

faithful. Forgive us when we look at obstacles in our lives and think they are too great for us to face. Forgive us when our lack of faith produces discouragement and closes our eyes to the promises you have given us. Change our doubt into courage because we know that, with your help, we can face anything that comes our way. Open our eyes so that we are amazed at your power. We pray in the powerful name of our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Profession of Faith (11:00): **Elijah VandenHeuvel**

The Hymn of Celebration (11:00):

Lift Up Your Heart 430 “You Are Mine”

Sing vs. 1, vs. 2, refrain, vs. 3, refrain, vs. 4, refrain

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“In Heavenly Love Abiding” (8:40)

Felix Mendelssohn

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid, but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back; my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack. His wisdom

ever waketh, his sight is never dim, he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been. My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free, my Savior has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (11:00) David Cherwien

God of grace and God of glory!

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

Cure your children's waring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days. God of grace and God of glory!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.

The Offertory:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (8:40)

Kurt Kaiser

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (11:00)

Cathy Moklebust

The Offering:

Today's offering is for Oakdale Neighbors 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 Scripture: Numbers 13:26-14:9 (pg. 226)

The Sermon: **“HOSPITALITY AND FEAR”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 427
“How Firm a Foundation”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Praeludium in A Minor” Georg Böhm

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Calin Muresan – cellist

Vocal Quartet, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)
Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano, Jess Hollenbach – alto
Jim Elzinga – tenor, Peter Redder – bass

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

Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director (11:00)

Ella and Grace Walcott – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Jenny Oostendorp and Judy Otte – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: (11:00)

Cathy Moglebust’s handbell arrangement of *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* exudes joy and praise through its varied and shifting rhythms and perpetual eight-note movement.

The piece is in three sections, an energetic opening, a slower, more meditative middle section where the hymn melody is played on the hand chimes, and a recurrence of the opening section, now with fuller chords and a majestic conclusion.

The special offering for October is for Oakdale Neighbors, a neighborhood development organization providing youth mentoring and advocacy, tax preparation, financial classes and neighborhood business development assistance.

Tonight, Rev. Jonker will preach on Job 9:1-24 and his sermon is entitled, “The Grand Inquisitor.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org