

October 27, 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, Priceless Treasure” (Chorale and 8 Variations)

Johann Gottfried Walther

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Sing a New Church” (8:40)

*Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:*

*Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ, and in splendid
varied ways, sing a new church into being, one in faith and
love and praise.*

*Draw together at one table all the human family; shape a
circle ever wider and a people ever free. (Refrain)*

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“Be Still, for the Presence” (11:00)

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him
no sin is found; we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the
presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He
comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work*

*too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the
power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 518:1,3,4
“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 Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Repentance: Matthew 25:31-30 (pg. 1545)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, you created us to love you and one
another. We confess that we often limit that love to words
and fail to make that love real by our actions. We fail to
recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless,
the naked, the incarcerated and the sick. Forgive us,
Lord. Turn our hearts again toward you, and guide us in
your ways anew. Through Christ, 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 301:1,3,4,5
“How Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Profession of Faith (11:00): Matt Miedema

The Table Fellowship (11:00): Celia Sharda,
Daughter of Scott & Jane Sharda

The Hymn of Celebration (11:00):

Worship & Rejoice 344:1-3

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“So You Must Do” (8:40)

Marty Haugen

*Refrain: Jesus, our teacher and our Lord, stooped to wash
the feet of his disciples, and he told them, “This is an
example; as I have done, so you must do.”*

*When Jesus had gathered with those he loved, as a humble
servant he knelt at their feet. (Refrain)*

*With towel and basin he washed their feet, so that they
might share in his passion and death. (Refrain)*

*“As I, your teacher, have washed your feet, so must you be
willing to serve in my name.” (Refrain)*

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love each
other as I have loved you.” (Refrain)*

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“Break Forth Into Singing” (11:00)

Eugene Butler

*Break forth into singing and cry aloud for you shall go out
with joy, the mountains and hills shall sound forth with
singing. Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Seek me daily
and know my ways, lift up your voice like a trumpet sound!
Break forth into singing and cry aloud, for you shall go out
with joy!*

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The Offertory:

“Contemplation on Tallis' Canon”

Richard Purvis

*Based on LUYH 394, “Forgive me, Lord, for this I pray . . . may peace
with God and neighbor be.”*

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: Luke 16:19-31 (pg. 1633)

The Sermon: **“HOSPITALITY AND YOUR NEIGHBOR”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 587**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Rejoice”

Noel Goemanne

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Jonathan Tuuk – guest organist

Jason Reiffer – vocalist (8:40)

Youth Ensemble, Bill VanEe – director (11:00)

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

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Music at LaGrave: (8:40)

Although Marty Haugen's anthem *So You Must Do* is intended to be sung for a Maundy Thursday service, the text is also appropriate for the theme of hospitality. Based on

John 13:1-15, the piece calls us to follow Christ's example of washing the feet of our neighbor, serving in his name, and loving others as Christ loves us. Haugen, one of today's leading church music composers, has a gift for writing both beautifully paraphrased scriptural texts and simple, yet profound melodies, many of which have found their way into hymnals (9 hymns in LUYH).

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.

This evening will be our **34th Annual Reformation Day Festival of Hymns** with special guests the Western Brass Quintet from Western Michigan University. The theme of the worship service will be “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org