

October 6, 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.**

“Variations on *Kum Ba Yah*”

John A. Behnke

“Adagio”

César Franck

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling O sinner, come home!

Oh! For the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me; though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 601:1,2,4

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 130 (pg. 969)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 655

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 54 & 56

*The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 356:1,2,3

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“O God, Have Mercy”

Felix Mendelssohn

O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to thy lovingkindness, yea, even for thy mercy's sake. Deny me not. O cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Spirit from me, O Lord. A broken heart and a contrite heart is offered before thee; O God, have mercy upon me according to thy lovingkindness, yea, even for thy mercy's sake. I will speak of thy salvation, I will teach transgressors and all the sinners shall be converted unto thee. Then open thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth thy glorious praise. O blot out my transgressions according to thy lovingkindness, Lord, for thy mercy's sake.

from Psalm 51

The Offertory:

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Wayne Wold

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 1531)

The Sermon: **“FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 638

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Allegro maestoso” from *Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn

Rev. John Rottman – guest minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

Emily Smith – vocalist

This evening we welcome guest minister Rev. John Rottman to our worship. John is professor of Homiletics at Calvin Theological Seminary and is a member of our congregation.

We welcome Roanoke, Virginia native **Emily Smith** to worship this evening. Emily is a vocal instructor and board-certified music therapist serving the greater Grand Rapids area. She currently resides at the Cathedral of St. Andrew as a cantor, teaches at Grand Rapids Community College, and is co-owner of West Michigan Music Therapy. May God bless her music ministry to us this evening.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Ken Faber** and **Chad & Rachel Versluis (John, Eric and Jessie)** in loving memory of **Pieterella (Petey) Faber** who passed away one year ago today on October 6, 2018.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org