

November 3, 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.**

"Fantasy on *Genevan Psalm 150*" Gerhard Krapf
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Johann Hanff, Homer Whitford

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hope and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome in this place.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 261

"Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

(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: Colossians 3:5-14 (pg. 1831)

The Prayer of Confession:

Dear Lord, we thank you for gathering us into your community of forgiveness and love. We confess that our sins threaten to tear the fabric of community. Forgive our greed that treats people as objects and trusts objects to give us contentment. Forgive our gossip, lies, and angry words that cause division and disunity. Remove the filthy rags of our sinful selves and clothe us with the life of Christ. Just as you have forgiven us, let us forgive one another as a testimony to the love of Jesus. 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 863:1,2,4,5,6
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

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

The Anthem:

"An Offertory for Unity" David Schack
Put on, then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience; and above all, put on love which binds everything together in perfect unity. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

"The Church's One Foundation" (8:40) Willem Van Twillert

The Offertory Anthem:

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (11:00) C. Hubert H. Parry
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease: take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for World Renew 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: Mark 11:15-19 (pg. 1577)

The Sermon: **"HOSPITALITY AND BOUNDARIES"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 727
"Christian Hearts in Love United"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: "Tocatta on *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

Denis Bédard

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Joan Ringerwole – guest organist

Jim Elzinga – vocalist (8:40)

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

Jake & Molly Versluis – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

We welcome guest organist **Dr. Joan Ringerwole** to worship this morning. Dr. Ringerwole is organ professor emeritus from Dordt College and remains active as a substitute organist in the west Michigan area.

Music at LaGrave (11:00):

English composer, teacher, and music historian C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) was commissioned to write a biblical oratorio, *Judith*, in 1888. One piece of music from that oratorio is a hymn tune that is commonly associated with the text *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*. While the hymn melody in the anthem is heard clearly in stanzas 1, 2, and 4, Parry alters the tune in the third stanza sung by the women's voices. The "still small voice of calm" at the conclusion of the anthem is symbolized by the peaceful organ coda.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of **Roger Feenstra** on the anniversary of his passing into glory by his wife **Grace**, and **Brian & Judy Feenstra** and **family**.

The November special offering is for World Renew, a CRC sponsored organization which provides domestic/international disaster response, community development in 30 countries and partners with over 130 churches to address illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, child mortality, HIV/Aids and injustice.

This evening, Rev. Boven will preach on Psalm 56:3-4, 8-9 and the sermon is titled "Counting Tears." This will be our annual **Service of Remembrance**; an opportunity for all of

us to remember some of the people we've lost in our lives, people whose absence still stings.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org