

**November 10, 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”

J. S. Bach, Paul Manz

“We Give You But Your Own”

Richard Hudson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you. By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

*Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding, open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading. Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 551:1,2,3,5,6

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Vs. 3: Men sing stanza, all on “Alleluias” and “O Praise Him”

Vs. 5: Women sing stanza, all on “Alleluias” and “O Praise Him”

*(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: Deuteronomy 5:6-21, 28-29 (pg. 284)

The Prayer of Confession:

**You, God, command the universe, ruling over interstellar space and subatomic particles. We, your creatures, are yours to command. Yet you have made us genuinely free—free to follow your way; free to turn aside from it. Teach us to see your commands as they are: designed for our flourishing. When we follow our own sin-tinged desires rather than your ways, forgive us. Teach us to trust you—that as our Maker, you know how life works best; and as our Father, you guide us in the ways of life. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: John 14:6

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 690:1,3,4

“I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace”

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Message

*(Children, 4's, K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship)*

The Anthem:

“Wherewith Shall I Come Before the Lord?” (8:40)

Gladys Blakely Bush

*Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

Micah 6:6-8

“Offertory” (11:00)

John Ness Beck; transcribed by Craig Courtney

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will*

*the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* Micah 6:6-8

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory: “Take My Life and Let It Be” Emma Lou Diemer

“Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.”

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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pg. 311)

The Sermon: **“RITUAL GIVING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 871

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“What Does the Lord Require?”

Philip Gehring

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)  
Jessica Klooster – vocalist (11:00)  
Ken & Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Dan and Natalie Molenbeek – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Jessica Klooster** is a graduate of Calvin University where she sang in the Capella. She remains active as a soloist and is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland.

**Music at LaGrave (8:40 & 11:00)**

Two different and contrasting arrangements of the stewardship passage from Micah 6:6-8 are sung this morning, both of which convey the text in a poignant manner. The first is by a little-known female church music composer, Gladys Blakely Bush, from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, and contrasts imitative writing with chordal, hymn-like style. John Ness Beck's arrangement is full of lyrical, melodic lines with a short, chant-like section in the middle.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by **Elaine Smith, Jen, Curt, Dana, Carmen & Ian Day** in memory of Larry Smith who went home to be with his Lord on November 16, 2017.

**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**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together by intinction. Rev. Jonker will preach and his text will be 2 Kings 6:8-23. The title of his sermon is titled, "Chariots of Fire."

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org)