

**November 17, 2019**

*Stewardship Commitment Sunday*

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.**

“Salvation Now Has Come to Earth”

J. S. Bach,

F. W. Zachau, David Cherwien

“Come You Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Robert Powell

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 280

“My Song Forever Shall Record”

*(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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7, 8, 12-18, 20 (pg.116)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we admit that the ways of the world are so attractive. We confess that we do not always put you first in our lives or respect our parents. We tell lies, take things that do not belong to us, and want what other people have. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the vision and courage to put our faith alone in Jesus Christ that we may be justified by his blood, shed on the cross for us. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:8

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 675:1,3

“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship: (11:00)

Ed Doezema, son of Caleb & Amy Doezema

The Professions of Faith: (11:00)

Emma Pastoor, Hans Pruis, Sena Tadesse

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770 (11:00)

“In Christ Alone”

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“What Shall I Render?”

Allen Pote

*What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me? What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done? I will lift up the voice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.*

*What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me? I will offer my song of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.*

*O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds and set me free, I am your servant.*

*What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me? I will offer my song of thanksgiving, and I will call on the name of the Lord, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.!*

Based on Ps. 116:12-10

The Stewardship Litany:

Leader: Our father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

People: **But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.**

Leader: So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

People: **He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.**

Leader: At one time, we wandered in the wilderness of our sins; we were powerless and lost.

People: **But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

All: **Now Lord, in thanksgiving, we bring the firstfruits of what you have given us, and we give them back to you.**

The Offertory:

“Poor Wayfaring Stranger” (8:40)

John Innes

“Softly and Tenderly” (11:00)

Kevin McChesney

The Offering:

*Please place your Stewardship Commitment envelope in the offering plate. 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: Isaiah 58 (pg. 1154)

The Sermon: **“JUSTIFICATION AND JUSTICE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 575:1,2,4***  
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“My Song Forever Shall Record” William Lloyd Webber

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir Ensemble, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

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

Becca and Ellie VandeGriend – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Joyce Jeltema and Dee Dekryger – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Music at LaGrave:**

American church music composer Allen Pote (b. 1945) has written a number of children's musicals and sacred anthems, several of which are based on scripture passages. His works are characterized by joyful, memorable melodies, rhythmic vitality and energy. While the outer sections of his anthem

based on Psalm 116:12-19 are joyful exclamations of praise, the middle section is quieter, reflecting the textual references to the death of God's saints and the servanthood of every child of God.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Paul Wright** in thanksgiving and appreciation for my wonderful LaGrave church 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. Jonker will preach on Genesis 24; the sermon is entitled, “Matchmaker, Matchmaker . . .”

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