

## November 17, 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

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.*

The Prelude:

“Adagio, from *Sonata No. 3*”

Alexandre Guilmant

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Richard Proulx

“You Are Our God; We Are Your People”

Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

*Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; our hearts in true devotion bow. Your Spirit send with light divine, and let your truth within us shine.*

*Unseal our lips to sing your praise in endless hymns through all our days; increase our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that binds.*

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*(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 113 (pg. 953)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 19

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

\*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 776:1,2

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“O God, My Faithful God”

Wayne L. Wold

*O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing: give me a healthy frame, and may I have within a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.*

*Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling. To do it when I ought, with all my might and bless whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.*

*When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless; help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless; help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small, and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.*

*O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing. Give me the strength to do, with ready heart and will whatever you command, my calling here fulfill.*

The Offertory:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Clay Christiansen

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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Genesis 24 (pg. 33)

The Sermon: “**MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER . . .**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 40

“I Will Be Your God”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

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.

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