

**November 24, 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.**

“Psalm-Prelude No. 2” Herbert Howells  
But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves  
in the abundance of peace. Psalm 37:11

“Minuet Nutptiale” (Wedding Minuet) Edwin H. Lemare

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” Raymond H. Haan  
Open my eyes, my sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (8:40) Jacques Berthier  
*In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord  
is near.*

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“Praise and Thanksgiving” (11:00)  
*Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring unto our Father  
for every good thing. All together, joyfully sing!*

*All people, join us and sing out God’s praise. For all his  
blessings your happy songs praise. All together, joyfully  
sing!*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

*(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 20:1-17 (pg.116)

The Prayer of Confession:

**Jesus, you walked with us in perfect obedience. In  
humility you let go of glory, valued others, and  
became a servant. Forgive us for grasping after  
status, pushing past the marginalized, and serving  
our own interests before others. Humble us to be  
people who are tender, loving, and compassionate.  
Nurture the mind of Christ in us to the glory of God  
the Father. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: James 4:10 (pg. 1883)

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 695:1,2,4  
“And Can It Be”

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children’s Message

*(Children, 4’s, K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade, may leave for Children’s Worship)*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“A Prayer for Humility” (8:40) Mark Patterson  
*Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we  
long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to  
love you even more.*

*Refrain: Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening  
ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful  
spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring  
this prayer before you: create in us humble hearts.*

*When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you  
freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us  
close to you again. (Refrain)  
Create in us humble hearts. Amen.*

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“The Gift of Love” (10:00) Hal Hopson  
*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to  
all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as  
sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I  
possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given  
by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come,  
Spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made  
whole. O come, Spirit, come, let inward love, guide every  
deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.*

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The Offertory:

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Janet Linker

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: Luke 14:7-14 (pg. 1623)

The Sermon: “**JESUS, JUSTICE, AND STATUS**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 739  
“I Surrender All”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen (8:40)

\*The Choral Benediction: (11:00) Judy Hunnicutt

*May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,  
may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.*

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\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata on *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

J. Christopher Pardini

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Youth Ensemble, Bill Van Ee – director (11:00)

Ella and Grace Walcott – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Melanie and Jean Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave (8:40):**

Composer Mark Patterson's anthem *A Prayer for Humility* is published by Choristers Guild, a popular publisher of children's church music. The text, however, is a child-like prayer equally suitable for believers of all ages. The verses are sung in unison, but the refrain, asking for humble hearts to praise the Lord of all, breaks into beautiful harmony. The anthem concludes with a three-fold Amen, the first two notes of which mimic the opening melody.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of **Joan Post**, given by her daughter, **Mary Nyhof**.

**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**, guest minister **Rev. David Bast** will preach on Philippians 3:1-11, his sermon is entitled “Glorying in Christ Jesus.” Rev. Bast is retired president of Words of

Hope. This is also our pre-Thanksgiving service and we will have opportunity to present our food offering for Westminster Food Pantry.

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