

January 12, 2020

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

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” Max Sinzheimer, Paul Manz,
Philip Moore
“We Cannot Measure How You Heal” Richard Purvis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “O Worship the Lord” Hal H. Hopson
*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. He is our God.
Let all the earth keep silence before him.*

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 103
“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession:

Let us quiet our busy minds before the presence of our God.
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

Let us open the closets of our heart to the Spirit's cleansing work.

Lord, see if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Let us together pray.

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

O Lord God Almighty, you let go of the glory of heaven and made your dwelling with us. You reveal yourself in the hungry and thirsty. Your face can be seen in the homeless stranger and the vulnerable infant. You suffer with those in hospitals and prisons. We confess that we are blind to your presence in the oppressed, and we look away from the widow, orphan, and foreigner. Forgive us for neglecting your sisters and brothers in need. Fill us with compassion that is nurtured by service to others. Give us eyes that seek out people who are poor in our city. Give us feet to walk into hospitals and prisons where you reside. Give us hands to embrace the lonely stranger. Give us a new heart of compassion and heal us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 103:2-5 (pg. 939)

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 446
“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

The Practices of the New Life:

Leader: Hear these words calling us to the practices of
Compassionate Healing: Matthew 25:34-40

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1,4
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old” arr. Peter Niedmann
Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save; they triumphed over pain and death, fought darkness and the grave. To you they went, the blind, the mute, the

palsied and the lame, the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech, and strength and sight; and youth renewed and health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light: and so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then, in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death; restore and strengthen, soothe and bless, with your almighty breath: on hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour, that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise you evermore.

The Offertory:

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Dale Wood
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.

The Offering

*Today's offering is for Inner City Christian Federation 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: Matthew 4:23-25 (pg. 1505)

The Sermon: **“THE PRACTICES OF JESUS: HEALING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 127
“Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Robert Hebble

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Vocal Quartet, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Kathryn Beeksvort – soprano, Jess Hollenbach – alto

Jim Elzinga – tenor, Peter Redder – bass

Tom and Laurie Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

Music at LaGrave:

A classical and biblical scholar, Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891) wrote the hymn text *Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old* while a chaplain at King’s College in London. It is one of the finest texts on the subject of healing. While verses 1 and 2 recount Christ’s healing miracles, the final verse is a prayer for that same powerful healing in our own lives. The text is set to the tune Forest Green, sometimes associated with the Christmas carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

The January special offering is for Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

Epiphany Banners: Epiphany is the season of light. The Light of God’s Son Jesus has come into the world. A symbol of the Trinity is at the top of the banners, with the golden ray of God’s light coming down on the white background, the liturgical color for Epiphany.

Tonight, Reverend Jonker will preach on Ezekiel 1 and his sermon is entitled: “The Appearance of the Likeness of the Glory.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.