

January 26, 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:

“Prelude, from *Suite No. 2 in D Minor*” Johann Sebastian Bach
“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” Paul S. Jones
“Behold the Lamb” (Communion Hymn) Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Holy Is the Lord” Hal. H. Hopson
Holy, holy is the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Lord. Holy.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1-3, 5
“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”
(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 hearts 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:

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness:

Your sins are forgiven. Believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against you any of your sins. Rather, in his grace, God grants you the righteousness of Christ to free you forever from judgment. Praise be to God.

Heidelberg Catechism, A. 56

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 590:1-4, 8
“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Practices of the New Life:

Leader: Hear these words calling us to engage the messy places: Luke 10:30-37

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: “To This Table, Lord, We Come” Howard Hughes
Refrain: To this table, Lord, we come rich and poor, both great and small. Teach us care, compassion, love that in you we may be one.

Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. (Refrain)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (Refrain)

Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (Refrain)

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them and will come to them and make our home with them. (Refrain)

Refrain: Howard Hughes, SM; verses: John 13:35; 15:12; 14:13; 14:23
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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13 (pg. 1510)

The Sermon: **“THE PRACTICES OF JESUS: CLEANING UP THE MESS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Communion Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 614:1,3
“Come, You Disconsolate”

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

(As we receive the bread, the congregation will sing the following hymn; during the passing of the wine, please meditate as the organ plays.)

“Just As I Am”

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**
- 2. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**
- 3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**
- 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

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The Offering and Thank-Offering

Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund, the Benevolence Fund, and Inner City Christian Federation. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund. As we give for these causes, we will sing the closing hymn and stand when signaled.

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 90:1-3,5***

“Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! Michael Helman

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

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

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

Jake and Molly Versluis – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Merv Kamper and Jenny Oostendorp – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Howard Hughes' anthem *To This Table, Lord, We Come* is in a style familiar to many Catholic churches in which a soloist (cantor) sings in alternation with the congregation. Our choir adapts that style by having various sections of the choir sing the verses while the recurring refrain is sung by the entire choir. While the verses are paraphrases of John 13:35, 15:12, 14:13, and 14:23, the refrain text is a prayer for our unity in Christ, both at the communion table and in all of life.

The flowers on the chancel are given by the **Nagel** and **Kruyf families** to celebrate the life of **Linda Nagel** who entered heaven one year ago today. Linda was a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend.

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 lead us through a series of reflections on Christian joy. He will reflect on Ephesians 5:15-20, John 2:1-11, and Matthew 13:44-46.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.