

**January 5, 2020**

*Epiphany 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

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

### *God Calls Us to Worship*

The Prelude: A Prelude for the New Year

"The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"

J. S. Bach

"Sonatina from *God's Time Is Best*"

J. S. Bach

"Fugue in E-flat Major (based on the opening theme of *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*)"

J. S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year"

*Greet now the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.*

*"God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear! To all our pleas incline your ear; upon our lives rich blessing trace in this new year of grace.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 105

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

All who are able are invited to sing descant on verse 5

*(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 is there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Let us together pray.

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 354:1,2,4

"Lord, I Gladly Trust"

The Practices of the New Life:

Leader: Hear these words calling us to the practices of New

Life Scripture: Psalm 119:105, 137-138,

Hebrews 4:12

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1,4

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

Installation of Pastoral Care Assistants (11:00)

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 929:3,4 (11:00)

"See My Hands and Feet"

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Word of the Father Everlasting"

*Word of the Father everlasting, there at his side when time began; who but the Word reflects his glory, who but the Word may speak to man?*

*Word once made flesh in Mary's keeping, source of all life and one true light; who of his own will dare receive him, or to their homes and hearts invite?*

*Word full of grace, among us dwelling, Jesus our Lord, the Father's Son: give us the power, your name confessing, truly God's children to become.*

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The Offertory: "Wonderful Words of Life"

Wilbur Held

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 4:1-11(pg. 1503)

The Sermon: **"THE PRACTICES OF JESUS: SCRIPTURE"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### *We Go in His Peace*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 755:1,3

"Speak, O Lord"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation” Charles Ore

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith  
his excellent Word!

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Becky Rhoda – vocalist (8:40)

Jess Hollenbach – vocalist (11:00)

Ken and Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger and Hattie Patterson – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave:**

David Mowbray (b.1938), an English vicar living and working in Derby, penned the text *Word of the Father Everlasting* making reference to several scriptural verses, particularly from the first chapter of John: the everlasting Word was from the beginning, was made flesh, and dwells within us. The text is set to the tune of the French Christmas song, *What Is This Lovely Fragrance?*, strengthening the connection between the Word and the incarnation.

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given in loving memory of my beloved husband **Tom Hoogeboom** on his Epiphany birthday. **Marge Hoogeboom**

**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 golden rays of God’s light coming down on the white background, the liturgical color for Epiphany.

**Tonight** will be our Epiphany Candlelight Service. Rev. Jonker will preach on Luke 6:6-11. His sermon is entitled: “Out of the Manger and into the World.”

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