

February 16, 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: "Partita on *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*"

Mark Brampton Smith

Hear him, you deaf, you voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, you lame, for joy!

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (8:40)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done, praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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"All That Hath Life and Breath" (11:00) René Clausen
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia, praise him! Praise him, laud him, alleluia!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 599

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

(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:

God of mercy, we confess that we are quick to judge and slow to show mercy. Forgive us when we favor the rich over the poor, or work with the poor and overlook the despair of the rich. Forgive us when we are quick to condemn the immorality of a stranger, but fail to root out our lust, our pride, and our anger. Forgive us for dwelling on the speck in our neighbor's eye and paying no attention to the plank in our own eye. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, who fulfilled the letter of law to set us free. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Matthew 5:3

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 746

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

The Practices of the New Life:

Leader: Hear these words calling us to the practice of

Jesus: James 2:1-5

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

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Ministry Moment

The Children's Message

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

The Anthem:

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" (8:40)

Dale Wood

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my

breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be thou our glory now; and through eternity.

"Jesu, Lover of My Soul" (11:00)

Philip W. J. Stopford

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory (8:40)

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Richard Purvis

You who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

The Offertory Anthem: (11:00)

"The Chorister Prayer"

Philip W.J. Stopford

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing, we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts,

we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple. Amen.

The Offering

Today's offering is for The Bridge of Arbor Circle 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 8:40-56 (pg. 1609)

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 111:1,3-6
“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Mary Tuuk – vocalist (8:40)

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

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

Joanne Arnoys and Jenny Oostendorp – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

English-born Philip Stopford (b. 1977) has established himself as a leading composer of sacred choral music. He is currently director of music at Christ Church in Bronxville,

New York. Among his many beautiful choral anthems is a 2015 setting of Charles Wesley's 1740 hymn text *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*. Stopford's gift of composing flowing, lyrical melodies and rich harmonies is apparent in each verse. Note also the text painting used near the conclusion of the anthem on the word “rise” as the voices rise in pitch, after which a quiet and peaceful “Amen” brings the anthem to a close.

The February special offering is for The Bridge of Arbor Circle (located in Grand Rapids), which offers emergency shelter for youths and additional counseling for the youths and their families.

Tonight Reverend Jonker will preach on Deuteronomy 15:12-18 and his sermon is entitled: “My Ears You Have Pierced.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.