

**February 23, 2020**

*133<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary 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:

“Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came”

J. S. Bach

“Spirit of the Living God”

Malcolm Archer

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing (8:40)

Gordon Young

*Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!*

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“Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth” (11:00)

Charles F Gounoud

*Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to thy holy hill. Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to thy holy hill. O let them lead me, O let them guide me, O let them bring me to thy holy hill.*

Psalm 43:3

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 104

“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 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:

**Jesus, we call you Lord and Master, because that is who you are for us. Yet our struggle to submit our wills to your gracious leading lasts as long as we have breath.**

**Afraid, we shrink back from the cost of obedience and our trusting "yes" to you grows thin. Forgive us. Restore to us the great joy of your salvation, and grant us willing spirits to sustain us.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Philippians 3:8-10

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 618:1,4,5

“Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart”

The Practices of the New Life:

Leader: Hear these words calling us to the practice of obedience: Hebrews 12:7-11

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

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message

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

The Anthem: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” (8:40)

David Cherwien

*If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways. You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days; for those who trust God's changeless love build on the Rock that will not move.*

*What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.*

*Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content, trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent. Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always near.*

*Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully. And trust God's Word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.*

“Lord of the Dance” (11:00)

Shaker melody, arr. John Rutter

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Refrain: “Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance,” said he. “And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance,” said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said, “It was a shame;” they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the Life that'll never, never die. “I'll live in you, if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he. (Refrain)*

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory “Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart”

Pamela Decker

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: Matthew 26:36-46 (pg. 1548)

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*We Go in His Peace*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 926  
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“What God Ordains Is Always Right” Johann Ludwig Krebs

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director (11:00)

Karen Schipper – accompanist

Laura Schipper – flutist

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

Marc Hoeksema and Marlene Padding– Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Music at LaGrave**

Bach the composer becomes Bach the preacher in many of his organ chorale preludes. In his chorale based on the baptism of Christ (Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came), the Jordan River is symbolized by undulating fast notes played by the hands while the hymn melody is played in long notes by the feet. A recurring descending melodic fragment may symbolize the Spirit descending like a dove. A similar descending line appears in English composer Malcom Archer’s quiet setting of *Spirit of the Living God*.

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Andrea Dekker**. They are given with gratitude for the joy Andi gave to **Grace, Max, Anne, Sara, Jeff** and **Don Dekker**.

**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 Isaiah 40:27-31 and his sermon is titled: “To Walk and Not Faint.”

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