

February 9, 2020

Scout 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:

“Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above”
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Georg Böhm
Robert Cundick

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit (8:40)

“All That Hath Life and Breath”
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia, praise him! Alleluia!

René Clausen

The Handbell Introit (11:00)

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Cathy Moklebust

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

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*The Processional Hymn:

“When Morning Gilds the Sky / Let Every Christian Pray”

- 1. When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry: may Jesus Christ be praised! In all our work and prayer we ask his loving care: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

- 2. Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
- 3. Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: come, Holy Spirit, come! Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see your light; come, Holy Spirit, come!**
- 4. To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise their voice in hymns of praise: may Jesus Christ be praised.**

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(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:

Lord, we confess to you that we have sinned. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. You know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship. Yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. You know when we are untruthful, Lord. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. We are sorry, Father. Forgive us and make us clean through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 2:1-2

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 897
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

The Practices of the New Life:

Leader: Hear these words calling us to the practice of prayer: Matthew 6:5-13

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 Pastoral Prayer

beginning and ending with singing:

“Be Still and Know”

Be still and know that I am God. *(repeated 3 times)*

The Anthem (8:40)

“O Lord God”

Pavel Chesnokov

O Lord God, hear thou my prayer, help thou me and give ear to my prayer. Daily do I worship thy great name and thy power. Thou alone canst help me; O send me thy peace and love, O protect me, my God. Let me never stray, O my Savior. Leave me not, O God of my salvation. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; and praise thy great name while I have my being. Hear thou my prayer, help thou me, and give ear to my prayer. Glory to thee.

The Handbell Anthem (11:00)

“Grazioso”

Arnold Sherman

The Offertory “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

B. Wayne Bisbee, Raymond H. Haan

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 5:12-16 (pg. 1600)

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 682
“Before the Throne of God Above”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Charles Ore

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Bells Jubilate, Kurt Stroh – director (11:00)

Becca and Hannah VandeGriend – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Abbie Hekman and Marlene Padding – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Jack Tyler Boerema and Grandpa Jack Boerema;** remembered by **Betty Boerema, Norm & Terri (Riley, Klaudia, and Martyna) Boerema, and John & Glenie (Tatiana, Anna) Hamersma.**

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Full, rich harmony, a very low bass part, and long, chant-like melodic lines are all hallmarks of the 19th century Russian Orthodox choral repertoire. Russian composer and teacher Pavel Chesnokov wrote over 500 choral works, 400 of which are sacred. The anthem *O Lord God* is a prayer for peace and protection as well as a strong testament of faith in the God of our salvation, the God who hears our prayers. The final statement of the anthem boldly proclaims all glory is due to God alone.

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

Tonight Reverend Jonker will preach on Psalm 131 and his sermon is entitled: “Songs of Longing and Songs of Rest.” The Calvin Alumni Choir will also be joining us in worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.