

**March 8, 2020**

*A Service of Prayer for Healing*

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.

## **EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM**

The Prelude:

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

“Air on the G String”

J. S. Bach

“Two Settings of ’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Terry Baldrige, Harold DeCou

The Chiming of the Hour

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

*We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.*

*As once you walked through ancient streets and reached  
toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with  
power to heal again.*

*We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in  
trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal,  
sustain.*

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\*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 638***

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

*(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)*

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Hebrews 4:14-15 (pg. 1865)

The Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 439:1,3***

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:6-12 (pg. 1795)

The Sermon: **“JARS OF CLAY”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn of Response: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 446***

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

The Litany of Prayer for Healing (see insert)

The Hymn of Response: “Be Still and Know”

**1. Be still and know that I am God. (3x)**

**2. I am the Lord that healeth thee. (3x)**

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The Invitation:

*During the prayer time, the congregation will sing the  
hymns listed in the Order of Worship. There will be two  
prayer teams in the front and two teams in the back. If you  
would like a prayer team to pray with you where you’re  
seated, raise your hand.*

*After you have written briefly your need on the request  
card, proceed to a prayer team and hand your request to  
the Pastor or Elder who will pray with you.*

Hear this invitation:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you  
rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29, NIV

The Prayer Hymns: (while people go to stations for prayer)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and  
rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head  
upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary,  
worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he  
has made me glad.**

**2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink  
and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-  
giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived, and now I live in him.**

**3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s  
light; look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your  
day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in him  
my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till  
traveling days are done.**

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“O God Whose Healing Power”

**1. O God, whose healing power is present everywhere,  
pervading all creation with your eternal care: look  
now in your compassion upon this world of pain  
and lives now bound and broken make free and  
whole again.**

**2. O Christ, who came among us to heal the sick, the  
blind, to bless the poor and burdened, the broken  
heart to bind: send us where they are waiting for  
hands to help and heal and through the gifts we  
offer, your grace again reveal.**

**3. O Spirit, holy, healing, descend to us today. Restore  
to all creation the peace for which we pray. Redeem  
us from the powers that ravage and destroy till  
earth and all its people shall greet the dawn with  
joy.**

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“Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion”

**1. Jesus heard with deep compassion pleas for healing,  
cries of pain; cured the lame and cleansed the leper,  
gave the blind their sight again. At his voice,  
tormenting spirits fled a madman’s tortured mind;  
clothed and healed, he went rejoicing, home and  
family to find.**

**2. Jesus touched the lives of outcasts, weak or sinful,  
scorned or poor; gave them self-respect and  
courage, trust and faith and hope secure. Truly  
hearing, truly seeing deep within each troubled  
soul, Jesus healed their wounded spirits, sent them  
forth with lives made whole.**

**3. Jesus, Lord, our true example, you have shown  
how we must live. Teach us how to share with  
others everything we have to give. Let our days  
be spent in service; bring us by your grace to  
know healing is the church’s calling, and the path  
that we must go.**

LUYH 127

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The Anthem:

“Where Joy and Sorrow Meet”

David James White

*There’s a place of quiet stillness ’tween the light and  
shadow’s reach, where the hurting and the hopeless seek  
everlasting peace. Words of men and songs of angels  
whisper comfort bittersweet, mending grief and life*

*eternal where joy and sorrow meet. There is a place where hope remains in crowns of thorns and crimson stains, and tears that fall on Jesus' feet where joy and sorrow meet.*

*There's a place the lost surrender and the weary will retreat, full of grace and mercy tender in times of unbelief. For the wounded there is healing, strength is given to the weak, broken hearts find love redeeming where joy and sorrow meet.*

*There's a place of thirst and hunger where the roots of faith grow deep, and there is rain and rolling thunder when the road is rough and steep. There is hope in desperation, there is victory in defeat at the cross of restoration where joy and sorrow meet. There is a place where hope remains in crowns of thorns and crimson stains, and tears that fall on Jesus' feet where joy and sorrow meet.*

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The Offertory:

“Come, You Disconsolate”

Albin C. Whitworth

The Offering

*Today's offering is for Mel Trotter Ministries 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 Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 928:1,4

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How

High”

David N. Johnson

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

Renee Vande Wege – vocalist

**Renee Vande Wege** is the Freshman Choir director at Rockford Public Schools. She also teaches elementary music and maintains a private voice studio. Renee attends Calvary Church. Welcome, Renee, to worship at LaGrave and may God bless your music ministry among us this evening.

**The March special offering** is for Mel Trotter Ministries – a shelter for individuals and families with services including day center, meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, and case management.

**Lent Banners:** The Liturgical season of Lent is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. For Christians, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal as we identify with the journey of Jesus in his death and resurrection. The colors of purple used in the paraments and banners symbolize the suffering of Jesus, of humanity, and the world under sin. Purple also symbolizes royalty. Jesus is the King who rules over all things.

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