

October 11, 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: "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise" Seth Bingham

Give unto God Most High glory and honor; come with your offerings and humbly draw near. Worship the Lord in all beauty and splendor; tremble before him with godly fear.

"We Gather Together"

Clay Christiansen

"Baptized in Water"

Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples; new be your song as new honors you pay. Sing of his majesty, praise him forever, show his salvation from day to day.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor; come with your offerings and humbly draw near. Worship the Lord in all beauty and splendor; tremble before him with godly fear.

*The Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511:1,3
"Amid the Thronging Worshippers"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach our God

The Call to Confession: based on Psalm 32:1-6

The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night, your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we come before you in humility. We confess that often we do not live as we are supposed to live. We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We pray, in all humility, that you will change our hearts and minds, that you will show us again how to love others the way you love us. Put power and courage in our hearts to do your will. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

The Sung Response (*sung by the vocalist*)

"Remember Not, O God"

LUYH 632:1

*Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;
in tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.*

The Assurance of Pardon: based on 1 Peter 1:18-21

For we know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that we were redeemed from our empty way of life,

but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for our sake.

Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so our faith and hope are in God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts: 363:1,3
"Blessed Assurance"

We Celebrate God's Faithfulness

The Professions of Faith (8:40)

Abbey Versluis, Kate Versluis

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Anna Joy Faber, daughter of Aaron and Kate Faber

Prayer Partner: Marlene Padding

The Baptismal Blessing

*The Communal Profession: The Apostles' Creed

Our Faith, pg. 13

*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.**

The Anthem: "A Prayer for Humility"

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more.

Refrain: Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again. (Refrain) Amen.

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The Children's Message

(Children, 4's, K – 2nd grade, may come forward.)

The Pastoral Prayer (concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: 1 Peter 3:3, 5:5-7 (pg. 1889)

The Sermon: **“HOMETOWN EXILES: HUMILITY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Confession: Philippians 2:5-10

In our relationships with one another, let us have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is

Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,4

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Give Praise to Our God”

Francis Jackson

For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail, but over the earth the humble prevail; all rulers and nations shall yield to their sway, to God give the glory; sing praises for aye.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Ashley Grace Stephenson – vocalist

Music at LaGrave: Composer Mark Patterson's anthem *A Prayer for Humility* is published by Choristers Guild, a popular publisher of children's church music. The text, however, is a child-like prayer equally suitable for believers of all ages. While the verses tell of our desire to know, serve, and love Christ, and of the rich grace he provides, the refrain is a prayer for the gift of humility, a prayer concluded by the final four-fold Amen.

British organist and composer Francis Jackson just turned 103 on Oct. 2. He was organist for 36 years at York Minster Cathedral. Today's postlude, a festive arrangement by Jackson, is based on a hymn tune written in 1864 by another British luminary, C. Hubert H. Parry, *Laudate Dominum* (Give Praise to Our God).

The October special offering is for Roosevelt Park Ministries: a separate non-profit organization originally established by Deacons of Roosevelt Park Community CRC in conjunction with World Renew which provides various community services and support programs for families, individuals and youths in Roosevelt Park Community and surrounding areas.

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