

**October 18, 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:

“An Interlude”

“Jesus Loves Me”

Harold Darke

Robert Hebble

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “God, Our Help and Constant Refuge”

*God, our help and constant refuge, ever present in our need, though the earth be ever changing, though it fall into the sea: Rock secure, ever sure, through all tumult you endure.*

*Living Lord of Hosts be with us. Come, and fill us with your power. You the hope of all the nations, be exalted in this hour. God Most High, lest we die, give us hope and hear our cry.*

Text: Psalm 46; vers. Fred Anderson; text ©1986, Fred Anderson Music

\*The Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1,2,4,8

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

**You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.**

Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!

**We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.**

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
**where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.**

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,3,4,8

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

#### ***We Humbly Approach our God***

The Call to Confession: Hebrews 11:35b-12:3

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated — the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

The Prayer of Confession:

**Heavenly Father, hear our voices and our hearts as we admit together today: we need you. At times, we do grow weary; at times, we do lose heart. Forgive us when we look only at the wind and the waves and are blind to the hands of Jesus reaching out for us. Bring light to our eyes, Lord. Show us where you are at work and help us join in. Reshape us into people walking in the ways of a Lord whose life, death, and resurrection are the hope on which we stake our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

The Sung Response: (*sung by the vocalist*)

“Kyrie Eleison”

LUYH 635

*Kyrie eleison.*

English translation: Lord, have mercy.

The Assurance of Pardon: based on 1 Peter 1:18-19, 5:10

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.**

The God of all grace has called us to his eternal glory in Christ.

**After we have suffered a little while, he will himself restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts: 334:1,3,5

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

#### ***We Celebrate God's Faithfulness***

The Promises of Baptism (8:40)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

**Ryder Williams Bowden**, son of Reed and Kirsten  
Bowden

Prayer Partner: Marge Penning

The Baptismal Blessing

\*The Response: 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 Children's Message

(*Children, 4s, K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, may come forward.*)

The Anthem: “I Need Thee Every Hour” arr. McKay Crockett  
*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord. No tender voice like thine can peace afford.*

*Refrain: I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee! Oh, bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee!*

*I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby. Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (Refrain)*

*Come quickly and abide! I need thee every hour, most Holy One. Oh, make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son! (Refrain)*

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

### ***God Speaks to Us***

The Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13, 4:7-8, 5:8-9 (pg. 1887)

The Sermon: **“HOMETOWN EXILES: ALERT AND SOBER-MINDED”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Confession: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-17

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

**We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

**We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.**

**Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.**

### ***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 440:1,2  
“He Leadeth Me”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Charles Ore

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.  
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist  
Jim Elzinga – vocalist

**Music at LaGrave:** *I Need Thee Every Hour* was penned in 1872 by Annie Hawks, a homemaker from Brooklyn, New York. While busy with household chores, she wrote, “I was so filled with a sense of nearness to my Master that, wondering how one could live without him in either joy or pain, these words were flashed into my mind.” Her Baptist pastor then put her words to music. Two years later, Dwight L Moody and Ira Sankey discovered the hymn and it became famous. The arrangement sung this morning was composed by McKay Crockett for a Brigham Young University choir.

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