

October 25, 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:

“Variations and Finale on *Jerusalem the Golden*” William Spark
“Aria on *Precious Jewels*” (11:00) Dale Wood

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.

*The Call to Worship: Psalm 93:1-4

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

**Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the Lord on high is mighty.**

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353:1-3

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

(Because we are not able to sing yet, please reflect on the hymn texts or hum along while the vocalist leads us.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach our God

The Call to Confession: based on Philippians 3:14, 18-21

Brothers and sisters, press on toward the goal toward which God has called you heavenward in Christ Jesus. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again, even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven.

We eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have promised to make all things new. Your new creation power is already at work in and all around us. In your mercy, Lord, forgive our hopelessness. Forgive our impatience. Forgive our failure to trust you fully. For you, the One who holds the future, also feeds us with daily bread. So, with your Spirit's help, keep our eyes ever fixed on Jesus, because in him we have forgiveness and fullness of life. In his name we pray. Amen.

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

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my

Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

LUYH 659:3,4

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: 451:1,4

“When Peace Like a River”

We Celebrate God's Faithfulness

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Lucas Holford, son of Justin & Ashley Holford

Prayer Partner: Payton Scholtens

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 – 2nd grade, may come forward.)

The Anthem: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. Tom Trenney

*I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Shine.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

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

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8-14 (pg. 1892)

The Sermon: **“HOMETOWN EXILES: CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL GLORY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Confession: *Our World Belongs to God*, par. 55 & 56

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule will be crushed. His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 482:1,3
“Soon and Very Soon”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Jerusalem”

C. Hubert H. Parry

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Jennifer Schroder – vocalist

Music at LaGrave

Nearly every phrase of text in Kathleen Thomerson's 1966 hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* is a reference to a Biblical passage: Gen. 1:17, Isaiah 60:19, Psalm 75:16, Psalm 139:12, Eph. 3:17, Gal. 4:6, Heb. 1:3, I Thess. 5:5, 2 Pet. 1:19, I John 1:5-7, Rev. 21:23. The hope and anticipation of heaven and worshiping the Lamb as the Light are echoed in the refrain. Tom Trenney, Music Minister at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, recently wrote a beautiful arrangement of this hymn for voice and piano that is both contemplative and invigorating.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.