

November 1, 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:

"Theme and Variations on *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*"

Claude Bos

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: "Worship Christ, the Risen King"

Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares; "death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares." Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King.

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*The Call to Worship: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
**a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all
peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted
in him, and he saved us.

**This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be
glad in his salvation."**

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 208:1,4

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

*(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 Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of
God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we
have done.

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not
obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive
us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us,
but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we
still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts,
the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out
what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the
sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
**Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.**

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

"Kyrie Eleison"

Kyrie eleison.

*O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have
mercy, have mercy on us.*

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The Assurance of Pardon:

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we
were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now
been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be
saved from God's wrath through him!

Romans 5:8-9 NIV

Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of Commitment: **Worship & Rejoice 360:2,3**

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

We Celebrate God's Faithfulness

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

John Steele Doezema, son of Eric & Alisha Doezema

Prayer Partner: Jess Hollenbach

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: "Rise Now, My Heart, with Gladness"

Johann Crüger

*Rise now, my heart, with gladness; see what the Lord has
done! Gone is all gloom and sadness, now shines the glorious
sun! Like Christ, we too shall lie lifeless till he draw nigh and
bids us then to rise to dwell above the skies.*

*He in the grave descended, the foe held jubilee; death's
darkest powers are ended and Christ again is free. Now
victory he cries as glory fills the skies. Our grateful songs
ascend with joy that has no end.*

We to heaven's shining splendor shall rise to realms of light. There we all praise shall render to Christ in glory bright. My Savior is my shield; by him all rage is stilled; all who in him shall die are raised to dwell on high.

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

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 27:50-53 (pg. 1552)

The Sermon: **“PERPLEXING BIBLE TEXTS: DEAD PEOPLE WALKING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Confession: 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 185:1,4,5

“The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Festival March on *Thine Is the Glory*” Aaron David Miller

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Becky Rhoda – vocalist

Dee DeKryger and Rev. Ruth Boven – Cross and Bible Bearers

Music at LaGrave

Composed by LaGrave member Claude Bos, the prelude displays a variety of styles of composition and colors of the organ.

Following the theme (hymn harmonization) are seven variations: a meditative Adagio in which the melody is clearly stated, a bright and rhythmic movement, a slow and soothing variation, another Adagio in which the melody is slightly altered, a snappy and vivacious variation played on the reed stops, a stately March, and finally a spirited Toccata with the hymn stated at the conclusion played on the full organ. This morning, we meditate on the words of the Easter hymn sung to this tune, *I Know That My Redeemer Lives.*

The November special offering is for World Renew, a CRC sponsored organization providing domestic/international disaster response, community development in 30 countries, and partnering with over 130 churches to address illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, child mortality, HIV/Aids and injustice.

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