

November 15, 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:

“Pastorale”

Charles Callahan

“I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry”

John C. Ylvisaker

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Kenneth T. Kosche

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Love Ye The Lord”

George Frideric Handel

Love ye the Lord, for his great mercy, and lovingkindness to all his saints. Love ye the Lord, for He is gracious and will deliver your souls and give you peace. For his great mercy, love ye the Lord, and He will deliver you from all fear and give you rest to your souls.

*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 575:1,3

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(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: Psalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

“Kyrie”

Antonin Dvořák

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:8-9

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 627:1,3,4

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

We Celebrate God's Faithfulness

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Scott Randall Johnson, son of Ken & Bea Johnson

Prayer Partners: Dick and Judy Eppinga

The Baptismal Blessing

*The Response: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*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:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Dan Forrest

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with thee! Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright

*hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine with ten thousand
beside. (Refrain) Amen.*

The Pastoral Prayer

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 1526)

The Sermon: **“PERPLEXING BIBLE TEXTS: THE
CANAANITE WOMAN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26

Q. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?”

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.
I trust God so much that I do not doubt
he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul, and will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends upon me
in this sad world. God is able to do this because he
is almighty God and desires to do this because he
is a faithful Father.**

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 897:1,3

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Fanfare on *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” David Blackwell

*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
Ruth Bylsma – flutist
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist

Dee DeKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Roland Lindh and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

Well-known contemporary composer Dan Forrest places his own unique stamp on the old, classic hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* by placing the first verse in 4/4 time instead of the hymn’s triple meter, occasionally altering the hymn melody and rhythm slightly, and changing the key in each verse. Forrest’s gifts as a pianist are evident in the ever-flowing piano accompaniment. In the hands of this gifted arranger, the hymn text (taken from Lamentations 3:22-23) is conveyed in a powerful, new and fresh manner.

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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