

January 10, 2021

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:

“Second Benedictus” (Blessing) Alec Rowley
In quiet contemplation shall peace guide your ways.

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” Timothy Hoekman
“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” Larry Visser

(Because we are not able to sing, please reflect on the hymn texts or hum along while the organist plays.)

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “O Blest Are You”

O blest are you, Christ Jesus said, who know how deep your need. For you, I open heaven's door, where earthly wants are freed.

O blest are you who work for peace, with patient hope and care. And blest are you, when mercy shapes your life as loving prayer.

O blest are you, Christ Jesus says, who know rejection's pain from bearing witness for my sake. I call you by my name!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531:1,3
“God, You Call Us to This Place”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Exodus 20:1-17

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have given us the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus to direct us. We confess that we do not always follow those directions. We confess the evil of our hearts. We acknowledge that we are often inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, which give rise to contempt and bitter feelings between others and us. Forgive us Father. Help us to love as you love and become peacemakers who shall be called the children of God. Amen.

Prayer concluded with:

**Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart,) in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**

W&R 457:3

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ezekiel 36:25-26

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,3
“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

*The Confession of Faith: Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, 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.

*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 4-2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Mark Hayes
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26

The Sermon: **“GOING DEEPER: IF ANYONE IS ANGRY WITH A BROTHER OR SISTER . . .”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 175:1,3,4
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Postlude” William Mathias

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Kim DeStigter – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
John Dekker and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

The flowers on the Chancel are given to honor and thank each member of our dedicated LaGrave staff for their tireless work this past year to keep our church community safe and in touch with one another. Thank you! We wish you God’s richest blessings in 2021. Gratefully, **your Church Family.**

Music at LaGrave

Johann Sebastian Temple’s (1928-1997) setting of the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi was sung at Princess Diana’s funeral in 1997. Temple, a South-African by birth, was a singer, songwriter who also wrote a novel and poetry. Like St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order, Temple also entered the Franciscan Order upon moving to the US. He

died shortly after Princess Diana. The *Psalter Hymnal Handbook* states of this hymn, “The fruit of the Spirit, including love, faith, hope, and joy, will be the channel of reconciliation and peace to a world troubled by hatred, doubt, despair and sadness.”

The January special offering is for ICCF (Inner City Christian Federation) which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

The liturgical season of Epiphany is a time of joy and thanksgiving. We celebrate Jesus Christ who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. And as we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, we are called to reflect his light in our lives.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.