

January 17, 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:

“Benedictus” (Blessing)

William Lloyd Webber

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Joshua Evanovich

“Be Thou My Vision”

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—mount of God's unchanging love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee; prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 111:1-3, 6

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, living in a world bent under the weight of sin, we are thankful for your Word that guides us. You call us, forgiven sinners, to be holy and to dedicate our lives in service to you. Forgive us when we fail to demonstrate the grace and love you freely pour out on us. Help us deal patiently with others - knowing you deal patiently with us. Fill us with hope and joy as we declare with our lives that this world belongs to you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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: John 1:14-17

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 721:1-3

“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth”

*The Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,**

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Harry Rowe Shelley

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth, and oh, the transport of delight with which my cup o'erfloweth! And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever! Amen.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 5:27-30

The Sermon: **“GOING DEEPER: IF YOU EVEN LOOK . . .”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,3,4
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Prelude in C Minor” Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

Elise Greidanus – vocalist, postlude organist

Jim Elzinga, Ben VanHouten – vocalists

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

Merv Kamper and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

The New York Times obituary for American composer, organist, and music professor Harry Rowe Shelley (1858-1947) stated “He wrote church music that gained him wide popularity.” Shelley studied with Antonin Dvořák and completed his education in London and Paris. He wrote symphonies, cantatas, anthems and vocal solos. Of the latter genre, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, a paraphrase of Psalm 23, is his most well-known piece. Guiding our thoughts this morning on the theme of human desire is the anthem’s text “Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me.”

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.

Tonight, Rev. Jonker will preach on Matthew 17:14-21; his sermon is entitled, “Prayer and Healing.”

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.