

January 24, 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)

Alec Rowley

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Lord, Who Shall Be Welcome”

Steven C. Warner

Refrain: Lord, who shall be welcome in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain?

Those who walk without blame, those who walk with the righteous, who speak the truth from their heart: they will stand with the Lord forever. (Refrain)

Psalm 15:1-2

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 585:1,2

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

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

*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:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

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 864:1,2,5,6

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

We Celebrate God's Faithfulness

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation (11:00)

The Sacrament of Baptism: (11:00)

Elizabeth Rose DeJong, daughter of

Andrew & Hillary DeJong

Prayer Partner: Judy Scholten

The Baptismal Blessing (11:00)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770:1,4 (11:00)
“In Christ Alone”

*The Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (8:40)

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: (8:40)

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 (8:40)

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” Mark Hayes
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37

The Sermon: **“GOING DEEPER: SIMPLY ‘YES’ OR ‘NO’”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 776:1,3,4
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Prelude in G Major” 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. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Glenda Buteyn – vocalist

Merv Kamper and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Rachel Rynbrandt and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave:

Throughout history, many composers have written pieces for the organ titled *Benedictus*, meaning blessing, or blessed. Several, particularly those composed by British organists, have been played throughout the current Sermon on the Mount sermon series, paralleling the opening Beatitudes. Alec Rowley (1892-1958) taught music at Trinity College in London. He wrote two pieces by this title. Like many others composed by his contemporaries, the piece begins quietly, then builds in volume and intensity, and concludes peacefully.

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, Dr John Rottman, a member of our congregation and a professor at Calvin Seminary where he teaches Homiletics (the study of preaching), will be preaching on Jeremiah 31:7-14. His sermon is titled: “Not Your End.”

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.