

February 7, 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:

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You” Wim van der Panne

“Day by Day” (8:40)

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (11:00) Robert Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “O Rest in the Lord” Felix Mendelssohn
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy hearts desires. Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers. O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, wait patiently for him.

Psalm 37:1,4,5,7

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 500:1-4

“Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”

(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: Exodus 20:1-17

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 327

“When We Walk with the Lord”

We Celebrate God's Faithfulness

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

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

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Abel James Hekstra - son of Scott and Sarah Hekstra
Prayer Partner: Tonya Williamson

The Baptismal Blessing (11:00)

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3 (11:00)

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

The Ministry Moment: The Scout Program

Ben Buter, Brad Szotko

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Will Be with You”

Leah Ivory; arr. Sean Ivory

Refrain: *I will be with you, I will be with you, for I am the Lord, your God. I will be with you, I have called you by name: you are mine.*

When you pass through the waters, I am there; when you pass through the rivers, I am there. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, for I am the Lord, your God. (Refrain)

It is I who created and formed you, you are precious and honored in my sight. All the days of your life are known to me. I am the Lord, your God. (Refrain)

I am your God, you are my child, engraved on the palms of my hands. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I am the Lord, your God. (Refrain)

Based on Isaiah 43 and 49 and Psalm 139
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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

The Sermon: **“GOING DEEPER: THEREFORE I TELL YOU, DO NOT WORRY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 427
“How Firm a Foundation”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Michael Burkhardt

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

*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
Mary and Patrick Kuras - vocalists

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

Recently married to Mary Tuuk, **Patrick Kuras**, an IT professional, is a member along with Mary in the Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus and also sings in the Diocesan Schola Choir at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. During the Christmas season, he sings with the Original Dickens Carolers. He has sung for a variety of church and performing choirs over the past forty years. May the music ministry of both Patrick and Mary bless and enrich our worship this morning.

Music at LaGrave:

I Will Be with You, a beautiful paraphrase of Isaiah 43 and 49 and Psalm 139 was penned by composer and Neland Avenue CRC member Leah Ivory. The music was arranged by her husband Sean, a music educator and director of the Calvin Oratorio Society. The 2008 piece was commissioned by and dedicated to Rev. Duane Kelderman, former pastor of Neland Ave CRC, and his wife Jeannette. A lyrical refrain with a descending melodic line recurs throughout the consoling piece, evoking a profound sense of peace and calm knowing God is with us always, even in our deepest fears and worries.

The February special offering for the month is **Wedgwood Christian Services**. Wedgwood extends God's love to youth and families through professional counseling and educational services. They are a distinctively Christian, professionally excellent community of caring, dedicated to helping young people develop the ability to live secure and productive lives. For over 50 years, they've been extending God's love to children, adults, and families through professional services that promote healing and wholeness. 85% of the troubled youth served in Wedgwood's residential programs successfully complete treatment, and go on to live lives filled with meaning and purpose.

This evening, Reverend Jonker will preach. He will have a series of meditations in which he looks at some of the important images for the church found in the New Testament.

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.