

**March 21, 2021**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Christian Education Sunday*

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:

"Thine Is the Glory"

G. F. Handel, arr. Greg Wells

"Gavotte in G Minor"

Johann Sebastian Bach

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Catherine McMichael

"Sonatina No. 2"

Franz Joseph Haydn

"Sinfonia No. 15"

Johann Sebastian Bach

"The Power of the Cross"

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend,  
arr. Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his voice is sounding, saying, "Christian, follow  
me." Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's  
golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying,  
"Christian, love me more."*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

"To God Be the Glory"

*(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: James 4:13-17

The Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes  
and our happiness than to your will. We confess that it is  
still all too easy for us to sacrifice your standards for  
status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for  
our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying  
success. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again,  
unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our  
double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to  
save himself and was obedient to your will we pray.  
Amen.**

The Time of Silence – concluded with singing:

- 1. O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly  
frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to  
the Lamb!**
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- 4. The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only  
thee.** LUYH 324:1,4

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 11:33-36

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 172:1,2,4

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended"

### ***We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness***

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

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

**Callum Wallace Heeringa**, son of Lee and Erin Heeringa  
Prayer Partner: Emily Redder

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 553:1,3,4 (11:00)

"How Great Thou Art"

The Children's Message

The Anthem: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Grayson Warren Brown; arr. Larry Adams

*Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna  
in the highest.*

Moment for Christian Education – Chad Scholtens

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"O For a Closer Walk With God"

Eric H. Thiman

*O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the lamb.*

*Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I  
hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from  
my breast.*

*The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help  
me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my  
frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to  
the Lamb.*

### ***God Speaks to Us***

The Scripture: Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

The Sermon: **"MODERN DAY IDOLS: THE IDOL OF  
KNOWLEDGE"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### ***We Go in His Peace***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 690:1,2,4

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Rondo Alla Turca” (Turkish March), from *Piano Sonata No. 11* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Isabella Redder, Penny Redder – violinists

Jonathah Bouwman – French horn, pianist

Joellah Bouwman – trumpeter, pianist

Micah Manion – trumpeter

Briana VanderVelde – postlude pianist

Kathryn Becksvoort and Clara Becksvoort – vocalists

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

Joyce Waalkes and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave:**

Several LaGrave children and youth offer their musical gifts in praise to God this Christian Education Sunday. Short violin and piano classical selections by Bach and Haydn are combined with Lenten hymn arrangements appropriate for this reflective season of the church year. The rhythmic and energetic postlude is from Mozart’s Piano Sonata No. 11, and is one of the composer’s most well-known pieces. May God bless the gifts of these young LaGrave members who lead us in worship.

**Dedication of Chancel flowers last week** were to all who love to thank God for the beauty of His creation.

**The Chancel flowers today** are given in loving memory of Roland & Ellen Schroder, our parents and grandparents. We are thankful for their stalwart faith and Christian example in our lives and their church. **Steve & Jennifer Schroder, Mitchell & Janel Schroder, Megan & Nathan Petroelje, Madeline & Ezra Heethuis**

**The March special offering** is for **God’s Kitchen** which is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They provide noontime meals, serving people in downtown Grand Rapids, as well as six sponsored sites throughout West Michigan.

**Banners:** Purple is the color for the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus as he journeys to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and the world broken by sin. For Christians, this is a time for self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins and call on God, in Christ, to save us.

**This evening, Rev. John Steigenga**, Pastor Emeritus, will preach on Matthew 10:32-39; his sermon is entitled: “Costly Discipleship.”

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).