

April 18, 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:

“Elegy and Festival Bells”

John Rutter

“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth”

Healey Willan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth”

Charles F. Gounod

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to thy holy hill. Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to thy holy hill. O let them lead me, O let them bring me to thy holy hill.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 538

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

(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: Luke 18:9-14

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we thank you for your Spirit who shows us that our hearts are sinful just like other people. Have mercy on us sinners. Forgive us because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 51:10-12

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 655

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Paul S. Jones

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 thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

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

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Jude

The Sermon: **“MERCY AND FEAR”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 618

“Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Praeludium in C Major”

George Böhm

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

Ted Rozeboom – vocalist

Joyce Waalkes and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

Music at LaGrave

Robert Robinson was “prone to wander.” He did not grow up a Christian, but was converted in 1755 after hearing a sermon by George Whitefield on “The Wrath to Come” and afterward became a minister. He wrote *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* while in his 20s. Sadly, later in life, he lost his faith and became a Unitarian. Paul S. Jones' solo arrangement slightly alters both the rhythm and the melody resulting in an interesting, yet beautiful rendering of this beloved hymn.

The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

This evening, Reverend Jonker will preach from Hebrews 13:20-21. His sermon title is, "Finding God's Will."

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

