

May 2, 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

“I Love Your Church, O God”

Healey Willan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Called to Gather as God’s People”

Called to gather as God’s people, we assemble in this place to unite our hearts and voices in thanksgiving for God’s grace: for the birthing of creation, for Christ’s rising from death’s hold, for the coming of the Spirit, week by week claimed and retold.

Taught and formed by proclamation, we await God’s promised word: song and story, psalm and precept, all the range of scripture heard. By this ancient, living witness we are summoned to confess how we fall short, yet can trust that God will hear, forgive, and bless.

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*The Processional Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 1**

“God Is Here!”

(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 9:62

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we are among those who have heard you say, “Follow me.” And we confess that your call leads us into unfamiliar places, places where we can feel overwhelmed. But you promise never to leave us, and so we place our trust in you. Help us not to look back at where we have come from, but instead, to plow straight furrows by looking ahead to our guide and only goal, Jesus Christ. In his name, amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 12:1-3

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 334

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

The Installation of Office Bearers:

8:40 – Elder: Elaine DeStigter

Deacons: Peter Ackerman, Aaron Elzinga

11:00 – Elders: Steve Schroder, Judy Scholten, Perrin

Rynders, Norma de Waal Malefyt, Paul LaGrand

Deacons: Kara Plantinga, Amy Doezema,

Hillary Scholten

The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 542:1-3**

“They Did Not Build in Vain”

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus, With Thy Church Abide”

Jonathan A. Tuuk

Jesus, with thy church abide; be her Savior, Lord, and guide, while on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright; bid her bear aloft its light through the realms of pagan night: we beseech thee, hear us.

Judge her not for work undone, judge her not for fields un-won, bless her work in us begun; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin, gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us. Amen.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-6:9

The Sermon: **“WHO’S THE BOSS?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251:1-4

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand”

David Cherwien, Wilbur Held

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Mary and Patrick Kuras – vocalists

Denise Boes and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

Music at LaGrave

Thomas Pollock (1836-1896) first studied medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, but later chose theology and was ordained in the Church of England where he worked among the poor. He also wrote metrical litanies, sectional poems, each

stanza of which concluded with the same line. *Jesus, with Thy Church Abide* originally had 18 stanzas, but is condensed to four or five in hymnals. Jonathan Tuuk composed an original tune for this hymn text and dedicated his anthem to the choir of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids where he once served as organist and director of music. The words *We beseech thee, hear us* conclude each stanza as a prayer for the church.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Joady Hoekstra, the John Schat family** and the **Jon VanHekken family** in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, **Jim Hoekstra**.

The May special offering is for In The Image, a free store serving thousands of individuals and families by offering clothing, shoes, household goods, bedding, furniture, toys, etc. The S.H.O.E.S. program provides a new pair of back-to-school athletic shoes for free to elementary students in need.

This evening, seminarian and member of LaGrave Church, **Chad Boorsma** will preach from 1 Samuel 1:1-20. His sermon is titled, “From Barrenness to Blessings.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.