

May 23, 2021

Pentecost 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:

"Prelude and Chanson, from <i>Suite Antique</i> "	John Rutter
"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayer"	Wilbur Held
"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"	Wilbur Held

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord"
Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and with fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 332***

"Let Every Christian Pray"

(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: Ezekiel 37:4-6

The Prayer of Confession:

**Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.
Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.
Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet in paths of your peace. In Christ's name, amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 14:25-27

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 746:1,2
"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

*The Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 53
Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit?"
A. **First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 746:3
"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" African-American Spiritual
Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain when my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. All around me, it looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

Jordan River, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. Ain't but one train that's on this track, it runs to heaven and runs right back. (Refrain)

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Acts 2

The Sermon: **"FILLED WITH THE FIRE"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 237
"Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Richard Elliott

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ruth Bylsma – flutist

Bill VanEe – vocalist

Marlene Padding and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Robert Otte and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

Once sung for President Lincoln, the African-American spiritual *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* was said to have brought tears to the president's eyes. Like most spirituals, this well-known spiritual was penned by an anonymous slave-poet. Verse one speaks of Moses and the Ten Commandments, and verse two of the Jordan River and the "heavenly train." The

vivacious refrain is accentuated by a syncopated rhythm, perhaps symbolizing the power of the Holy Spirit.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by the **family of Annette Broodman** in loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

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, guest minister **Dr. Laura Smit**, professor of religion and theology at Calvin University, will preach on various texts from John 14 – 16. Her sermon is titled, “To Our Advantage.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.