

May 23, 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* 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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Healey Willan

“Komm, Heiliger Geist” (Come, Holy Ghost)

J.S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 492

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: John 20:19-23

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 747

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*The Confession of Faith:

At Pentecost, promises old and new are fulfilled. The ascended Jesus becomes the baptizer, drenching his followers with his Spirit, creating a new community where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make their home. Revived and filled with the breath of God, women and men, young and old, dream dreams and see visions.

The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith, leads us into truth, and helps us to pray, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church in astonishing variety—prophecy, encouragement, healing, teaching, service, tongues, discernment—equipping each member to build up the body of Christ and to serve our neighbors.

Our World Belongs to God, par. 28 & 29

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 745

“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit”

The Pastoral Prayer *concluded by singing*

Lift Up Your Hearts 749 “Spirit of the Living God”

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in

love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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The Scripture: John 14:15-17; 25-27; 15:26-27; 16:5-15

The Sermon: **“TO OUR ADVANTAGE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 234

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Day Full of Grace”

Wayne Wold

Dr. Laura Smit – guest minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

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

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, we welcome to our worship guest minister **Dr. Laura Smit**, professor of religion and theology at Calvin University. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org

