

**May 30, 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: "Partita on *He Leadeth Me*" Charles Callahan  
Prelude / Hymn / Echo / Variations for Pedals / Trio I / Trio II / Meditation

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:  
"Christ Beside Me"  
*Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me—King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me—never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me—shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising—light of my life.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540  
"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
*(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 21:12-19

The Prayer of Confession:

**We confess, Father, that we do not always stand firm when it comes to our faith, and come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We become confused and misguided. We humbly ask you that, with your Spirit's power, we will have the strength and courage to daily take up our cross and follow you. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 224  
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

The Profession of Faith: Heidi Brandt (11:00)

\*The Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Thou Art God" Lionel Bourne  
*Thou art the peace of all things calm, thou art the place to  
hide from harm, thou art the light that shines in dark,  
thou art the heart's eternal spark, thou art the door that's  
open wide, thou art the guest who waits inside, thou  
art the stranger at the door, thou art the calling of the  
poor. Thou art peace, thou art calm. Ah. Thou art my love,  
thou art my Lord and with me still, thou art my love,  
keep me from ill, thou art the light, the truth, the way.  
Thou art my Savior this day, thou art my Savior this very  
day.*

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

The Scripture: Acts 13:44-52

The Sermon: "**APPOINTED FOR ETERNAL LIFE**"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

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

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 687  
"Father, Long Before Creation"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” Percy Whitlock

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Kim DeStigter – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Joyce Waalkes and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Ordinary Time** – the season after Pentecost 2021

Ordinary Time is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. The banners and parament for the time reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly rooted in the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God’s Word. By doing so, we find life, experienced deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

**Music at LaGrave**

American church music composer Charles Callahan is known for his many organ arrangements of well-known hymns. In the middle of his large partita based on *He Leadeth Me* is a set of variations in various styles played on the foot pedals. Surrounding these variations are six soft settings of this hymn recounting God’s providential care, and leading his children with his powerful and guiding hand.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in honor of **Roger and Phyllis Post’s** 50th anniversary from their daughter, **Heather Post**.

**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** there will not be a service.

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