

**May 9, 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:

"Trio" William Lloyd Webber  
"Adagio" from *Six Pieces in Canonic Form* Robert Schumann  
"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth" Healey Willan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"I Have Followed Truth and Justice"  
*I have followed truth and justice; leave me not in deep distress; be my help and my protection, let the proud no more oppress. For thy Word and thy salvation, Lord, my eyes with longing fail; teach thy statutes to thy servant, let thy mercy now prevail.*

*I am thine, O give me wisdom, make me know thy truth, I pray; sinners have despised thy statutes; now, O Lord, thy power display. Lord, I love thy good commandments and esteem them more than gold; all thy precepts are most righteous, hating sin, to these I hold.* Psalm 119

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 755

"Speak, O Lord"  
*(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: Isaiah 53:4-6

The Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious Shepherd, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven. Help us desire what is good, to love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 14:6, 25-27

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 521  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Dale Wood  
*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience; share with me, O share with me a closer, dearer company; in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

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

The Scripture: 3 John

The Sermon: **"READING THE COUNCIL'S MAIL"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

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

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772  
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

"Praeludium in C Major" Georg Böhm

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Jan Doornbos Zandt – vocalist

Albert Doorn and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Rachel Rynbrandt and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave**

A newspaper man-turned clergyman, American Washington Gladden (1836-1918) gained national prominence from his pastorates and for his strong role in issues of social justice. Of his hymn text *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*, Gladden explained the text "had no liturgical purpose," but rather was intended as "an honest cry of human need, of the need for divine companionship." The solo arrangement of this hymn by American composer Dale Wood (1934-2003) changes the hymn meter of 3/4 to 4/4 and embellishes the melody slightly in the final two stanzas.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Curt and Ruth Witte** in honor of their mothers.

**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 **Rev. Scott Hoezee** will preach on Luke 19:1-10, and his sermon is titled, "Found." Rev. Hoezee is the director at the Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary.

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