

June 13, 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:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”

J.S. Bach, Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Paul Manz, Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 551:1,2,5,6

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(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 1:46-48, 52-53

The Prayer of Confession:

King Jesus, our souls glorify you and our spirits rejoice in your salvation. When we were sinners, you saved us. When we were enemies, you brought us peace. When we had fallen, you lifted us up. When we were lost, you searched, found, and carried us home. Extend your mercy to your children from generation to generation. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:16-17

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 695:1,4

“And Can It Be”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation (11:00)

Matthew Jay VanWingerden, son of

Tim and Rachel VanWingerden

Prayer Partners: Aaron and Jana Eding

The Baptismal Blessing (11:00)

*The Affirmation of Faith: Romans 8:37-39

Can anything or anyone separate us from the love of Christ?

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

*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:

“Rise Up, O Church of God”

arr. Ovid Young

Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long; bring in the day of brotherhood, and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God! The church for you doth wait, her strength unequal to her task; rise up and make her great.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod. As followers of the Son of Man, rise up, O Church of God! Rise up, O Church of God!

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Acts 26:12-32

The Sermon: **“FAITHFUL TO THE VISION FROM HEAVEN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 219

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Charles Callahan

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hooeboom – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Chase and Chad Scholtens – vocalists
Rachel Rynbrandt and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Merv Kamper and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

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, experience deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

Today’s chancel flowers are given in loving memory of **Ralph Ondersma** – our dear husband, father, and grandfather. **The Ondersma Family**

Music at LaGrave:

William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954) was a Presbyterian minister, author, pacifist, and hymn writer. Best remembered for the hymn text *Rise Up, O Men of God*, Merrill wrote this hymn in 1911. The text is slightly altered in some hymnals, the title becoming *Rise Up, O Church of God*. The text emphatically calls the Church to rise up, follow Christ and actively bring in the kingdom, serving the King of kings and lifting high his cross. Ovid Young’s majestic and fanfare-like musical setting accentuates the commanding text.

The special offering for June is for Cherry Health: An independent, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with a primary focus of providing high quality health services to those who have little or no access to health care, regardless of income or insurance status. Cherry Health is the largest FQHC in the State of Michigan providing integrated health care services at more than 20 locations throughout the State.

This evening, Reverend Jonker will preach on Matthew 26:6-13, his sermon is entitled “The Poor You Will Always Have with You.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.