

June 20, 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:

"Prelude in D Major" (BWV 532/1)	Johann Sebastian Bach
"Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth"	Johann Sebastian Bach
"Improvisation on <i>Jacob's Ladder</i> "	Jonathan Tuuk

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me; still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee, nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

There let the way appear steps unto heaven; all that thou sendest me in mercy given; angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee, nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee. Amen.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

"O God Beyond All Praising"

(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 Sung Call to Repentance: Lift Up Your Hearts 624:1,3
"Not What My Hands Have Done"

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Heaven and earth are full of your glory! But our glory receptors are damaged. Sin and brokenness—in us and around us—dull our vision to see you; muffle our ability to hear you; and harden our hearts to receive you. Forgive us. With our willing welcome, go to work in us. Usher us into your gracious kingdom, for you are the Savior who brings us life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: John 10:7-9

*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 521:1,3
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" Brent Assink
My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty, how bright, how beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!

Oh how I fear thee, living God, with deepest tenderest fears; and worship thee with trembling hope and penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art; for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee, no mother, half so mild, bears and forbears as thou has done with me; thy sinful child.

Oh Father of Jesus, love divine, what rapture will it be, prostrate before thy throne to lie, and gaze and gaze on thee! My God, how wonderful thou art!

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17

The Sermon: **"THE WONDER OF IT ALL!"**

We Respond with Praise

The Prayer after the Sermon

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Grand Chorus Dialogue"

Eugène Gigout

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

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Jonathan Tuuk – organist
Jason Reiffer – vocalist

Albert Doorn and Rev. Ruth Boven – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Marlene Padding and Rev. Ruth Boven – 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.

Music at LaGrave:

Washington native and Dordt University alumnus Brent Assink was Executive Director of the San Francisco Symphony for 20 years and recently took a position as Executive Director of the Fuller Foundation and Fuller Seminary. A pianist and organist,

Assink also composed in 1981 an original setting of the hymn *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*. Of this hymn text, the *Psalter Hymnal Handbook* states: “Presenting a magnificent view of God, this text is particularly appropriate for [our time], a time in which humankind has lost its sense of wonder.

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 2 Samuel 16:5-14. His sermon is titled “The Humiliation of King David.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.