

**June 27, 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 10:00 AM**

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

### ***God Calls Us to Worship***

The Prelude:

“Three Traditional Spirituals”

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child  
My Lord, What a Morning  
Steal Away

David Marlatt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531

“God, You Call Us to This Place”

*(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: Galatians 6:3-5, 7-10, 14-15

The Prayer of Confession:

**We confess, Father, that we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness:

What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?  
**I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.**

**Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 56

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 677

“For the Glories of God's Grace”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Lord, Here Am I”

John Ness Beck  
transcribed by Craig Courtney

*Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.*

*Refrain: Master thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

*Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need. (Refrain)*

*Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal while thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. (Refrain)*

### ***God Speaks to Us in His Word***

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

The Sermon: **“FINDING SIGNIFICANCE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### ***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

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

Jolene DeHeer – guest speaker  
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Ben Gates – baritone  
Jessica Klooster – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Jolene DeHeer – Cross & Bible Bearers

**Jessica Klooster** is a graduate of Calvin University where she sang in the Capella. She remains active as a soloist and is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland. Welcome to worship at LaGrave, Jessica, and thank you for your music ministry.

**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:**

The text *Master, Thou Callest (Lord, Here Am I)* was penned by 19<sup>th</sup>-century blind hymn-writer, Fanny Crosby. Echoing Isaiah 6:8, the text is a prayer of response to Christ's call to service, mission, and kingdom work. Willing to suffer reproach or loss, in all our labor and leisure, we are called to take up our cross and follow Christ. At the conclusion of each verse, composer John Ness Beck creates an ascending melodic line, reaching a climax on the words "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

**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,** guest minister **Reverend Jon Opgenorth,** **director of Words of Hope,** will preach on Romans 10:1-17. His sermon is titled "Who's In?"

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