

June 6, 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:

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms
How we long with all our spirit for the love we do not merit. From our weary sighs, Lord, free us, with this heavenly food now feed us. May we, when by life discouraged, by this cup of life be nourished, thankful that our Friend invites us and with God himself unites us.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord, lift up your hearts unto the Lord. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

Therefore we celebrate the feast, therefore we celebrate the feast. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; therefore we celebrate the feast.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, sing alleluia to the Lord. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; sing alleluia to the Lord.

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship and Rejoice 702***

“We Come as Guests Invited”

(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: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we pray that we, who will soon break bread together in Christ's name, will walk together in love. Forgive us when our humility and gentleness runs thin. Forgive us for the times we ran out of patience and did not bear with one another well or very long. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us the grace to be peacemakers and instruments of forgiveness. Flowing from your forgiveness of us, may we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us be signs of your love and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 116:5, 12-13

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 871:1,2,4,5
“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

*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: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” David M. Cherwien
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the
unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and
our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and
often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

The Sermon: **“IN THE TEMPLE COURTS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: ***Worship and Rejoice 606:1-4***
“As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here”

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (see insert)

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936
“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Pomp and Circumstance March” Edward Elgar
(dedicated to all of LaGrave’s class of 2021 graduates)

*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
Glenda Buteyn, Ben VanHouten – vocalists

Dee DeKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Robert Otte 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.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Marge Hoogeboom** in loving memory of her dear husband **Tom**, who went to be with His Lord five years ago this week.

Music at LaGrave: David Cherwien’s original setting of the 18th-century hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* evolves at a gentle and slow pace, soothing the soul. John Fawcett, a minister serving a small, poor Baptist church in Yorkshire and this hymn’s author, received a call to a large and influential London church in 1772. He accepted the call, but on the day of his departure, his small congregation begged him to stay. This hymn text was written upon Fawcett’s decision to stay in Yorkshire.

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 Amos 6:1-7 and Matthew 9:14-17. In anticipation of summer, his sermon will focus on the place of leisure in the Christian life.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.