

July 11, 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:

“Prelude in C Major”

J.S. Bach

Two Settings of “Leibster Jesu, wir sind hier”

(Blessed Jesus, at Your Word)

J.S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Ye Servants of God”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744 (Rev. 7:9-12)
arr. William Croft, 1708

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish a broad his wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(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: 1 Peter 4:10-11

The Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit and for the spiritual gifts that we have received from you. There are times, however, when we have claimed our abilities as the result of our work, rather than gifts of your grace, and when we have tried to do things by our own power, rather than relying on the strength you provide...

Lord, have mercy upon us.

For moments when we had opportunity to be a witness for you, to speak of your majesty and your love, yet we remained silent, and for times when opportunities to witness through acts of service were met with our unwilling spirit...

Christ, have mercy upon us.

For occasions when we took credit for things accomplished for your kingdom, rather than giving you the honor and glory...

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask this all in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ephesians 2:4-5a, 8-10

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 693

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

Thomas Edward Huizenga, son of

Ryan and Danica Huizenga

Prayer Partner: Jan Bos

At this time, children may come forward to witness the baptism prior to being dismissed for children's worship

The Baptismal Blessing

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 521:1,3

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“How Beautiful Are the Feet”

Handel, *Messiah*

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace.

And bring glad tidings, and bring glad tidings, glad tidings of good things.

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

The Sermon: **“YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 594

“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”

*The Benediction

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

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Pierce Dickens

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist
Emily Smith – vocalist

Rachel Rynbrandt and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers

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.

Our liturgist today is seminarian **Chad Boorsma**. Chad is a member of LaGrave and has been brought onboard to assist Rev. Manion with the work of pastoral care within our congregation.

We welcome Roanoke, Virginia native Emily Smith to worship this morning. Emily is a vocal instructor and board certified music therapist serving the greater Grand Rapids area. She currently resides at the Cathedral of St. Andrew as a cantor, teaches at Grand Rapids Community College, and is co-owner of West Michigan Music Therapy.

Today's flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of **Dr. James Penning** by his wife **Marge Penning**. Jim passed away on July 13, 2010.

The special offering for the month of July is for Westminster Food Pantry. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

This evening, Reverend Kristy Manion will be preaching from Amos 7 and we will celebrate communion together.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.