

July 18, 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:

“Vocalise”

Sergei Rachmaninoff

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Forgive Our Foolish Ways”

Paul S. Jones

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Great God, as We Are Gathering”

Great God, as we are gathering, you watch your people come; as yet, we're walking out of step, help us to walk as one.

Great God, within this gathering, quell enmity and fear, bring honesty and openness, make understanding clear.

Great God of many gatherings, you make your people one; from different backgrounds, ways and lives, our journeys have begun.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246:1-4

“God is Here”

(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: Romans 14:1-10

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord our God,

Your judgment is perfect; ours is filtered through a darkened glass. Your mercy is generous; sometimes ours is stingy.

How thankful we are that your judgment seat and your mercy seat come together at the cross of Jesus Christ. Forgive us.

Recreate us in the image of Jesus, so we can love you above all and our neighbors as ourselves.

In his name, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ephesians 2:19-22

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 256:1,2,4

“They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

*The Affirmation of Faith: 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:

“You Are the Chosen of the Lord”

Alfred V. Fedak

*You are the chosen of the Lord. You are holy and blessed,
you should therefore clothe yourselves in kindness and
humility, in gentleness and patience, and compassion, in
true compassion. And above all these, put on love, to bind
you close together and complete you. Let the message of
Christ dwell in you richly. With thankfulness in your hearts
sing psalms and hymns and songs to God, doing all in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. And may his peace rule in
your hearts. Amen.*

Col. 3:12-17

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 15:36-41

The Sermon: **“PAUL IN CONFLICT”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251:1-4

“The Church's One Foundation”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccatina in E Minor”

Johann Pachelbel

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Elise Greidanus – violinist, postlude organist
Renee Vande Wege – vocalist
Chad Boorsma and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation by being rooted in God’s word. With joy, we draw from that well of salvation.

Music at LaGrave:

Alfred Fedak (b. 1953) has been called “one of the country’s leading church musicians.” A Hope College grad, Fedak has composed over 300 choral and organ works and more than 100 hymn tunes appear in modern hymnals. He is currently organist at a Reformed church in Scotia, New York. Fedak’s solo anthem *You Are the Chosen of the Lord* sets the words of Colossians 3:12-17 and was written for use at a wedding. The apostle Paul’s words call us to a holy life of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and above all, love.

The chancel flowers are placed in memory of **Clarence Doornbos**, who passed away July 15, 2017. Clare is lovingly remembered by his wife, **Janice Doornbos Zandt**, and family, **Peter & Sharlene Jouwstra, Doug & Vonnice Maurer**.

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, there will be a hymn sing. Reverend Peter Jonker will have a short meditation, but during the rest of the service Dr. Visser will lead us as we sing some of our favorite hymns.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.