

July 25, 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:

“Adagio in E Major”

Frank Bridge

“Four Variants on *Praise the Savior, Now and Ever*”

Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O God Beyond All Praising”

arr. Lloyd Larson

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and might Lord.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1-3,5

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

(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: Matthew 19:16-25

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have given us the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus to direct us every day. You fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can live as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that we are not obedient to your ways and we fail to live as your children should live. We are sorry. Forgive us, Lord, through the blood of Jesus so that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Matthew 19:26 & Romans 5:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 682:1-2

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*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 Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 682:3

“Before the Throne of God Above”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

Colton Reid Medema, son of

Chad and Christina Medema

Prayer Partners: Gord and Ruth Bylsma

Emma Evelyn Triemstra, daughter of

Justin and Rachel Triemstra

Prayer Partners: Andy and Becca VandeGriend

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 543:1,3

“Now Thank We All Our God”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

arr. Lloyd Larson

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

The Sermon: **“CONVERSION EX NIHILO”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,2,4,5,8
“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Offertoire” Charles Louis Ambrose Thomas

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Mary and Patrick Kuras – vocalists
Marlene Padding 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.

Music at LaGrave:

Edward Perronet (1726-1792), author of the hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*, was a difficult person to please. After being an Anglican minister, he became a Methodist following the Wesleys, but conflict soon arose and he became an independent minister in Canterbury. *All Hail* is the only hymn for which Perronet is remembered. “This fine coronation hymn affirms the kingship of Christ and calls on all creatures to ‘crown him Lord of all’” (Psalter Hymnal Handbook).

Today’s flowers on the chancel have been placed by **Stan Blom**, in memory of **Tom Kearns** who went to glory 10 years ago this week.

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 Peter Jonker will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 5:11-17. His sermon is entitled “Kata Sarka”.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.