

August 1, 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:

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Alfred Fedak
Lois Hill

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 110***

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

(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: John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:16-17

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 770
“In Christ Alone”

*The Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious
blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the
devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my
salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

*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:

“My Hope is Built”

Tom Trenney

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and
righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but
wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other
ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his
unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my
anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in
him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless
to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 14:8-20

The Sermon: **“HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT
TESTIMONY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 583: 1,3-7
“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

Charles Callahan

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist
Sara Good – organist
Jess Hollenbach – soloist
Rachel Rynbrandt 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 as we grow by being rooted in God’s word. With joy we draw from that well of salvation.

The chancel flowers are in thanksgiving for **my LaGrave family** in whom I rejoice always and pray for. With much gratitude, thanks and blessings, **Paul Wright**. “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The special offering for the month of August is for Home Repair Services of West Michigan. This organization offers educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

This evening, Reverend Bob Arbogast will lead our worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.