

**August 15, 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 AM & 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:

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach,  
arr. Carsten Klomp

“I Will Lift up My Eyes unto the Hills”

Charles Callahan

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Charles Callahan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

*Eternal Spirit, God of truth, our contrite hearts inspire; ignite a flame of heavenly love and feed the pure desire. O come to sooth the sorrowing mind with guilt and fear oppressed; O come to bid the dying live and give the weary rest.*

*Subdue the power of every sin and make our hearts your throne, that we in singleness of heart may worship God alone. Then with our spirits witness bear, O Spirit of our God, that we are children of the Lord, redeemed through Christ's own blood.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

*(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: Luke 12:13-21

The Prayer of Confession:

**O God, whose nature it is to be generous: we confess to you our indifference for a world of hungry families and homeless peoples. Forgive us for our self-centered living and spending; forgive us when we fail to generously love our neighbor. Grant that this week some who have given nothing may start to give, and those who have given something may give more, that both our church and we ourselves may listen and respond to the cries of those who have nothing to eat and nowhere to live, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Peter 1:18-20

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 568:1,2,4

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

\*The Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31&34

Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

Q. Why do you call him “our Lord”?

**A. Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

\*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 Jesus, I Love Thee”

Arr. Dan Forrest

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

#### ***God Speaks to Us in His Word***

The Scripture: Acts 19:23-41

The Sermon: “**THE SPIRIT & THE LOCAL ECONOMY**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

#### ***We Go in His Peace***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 863:1,2,4-6

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Fugue in C Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

*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

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Sarah Horton – clarinetist

Jim Elzinga – vocalist

Dee DeKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers 8:40

Merv Kamper and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers 11:00

### **Music at LaGrave:**

Sixteen-year-old Canadian William Featherstone wrote the text *My Jesus, I Love Thee* upon his conversion in 1862. He sent the text to his aunt in California and she sent it to England where it was published in a hymnal set to a mediocre melody. Adoniram Gordon, a Baptist evangelist preacher who was unhappy with the tune decided to write his own tune, which is the familiar melody we sing today. Dan Forrest, an increasingly popular American composer and arranger, created an arrangement of this beloved devotional hymn that beautifully paints Featherstone's text.

**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.

**Bill and Mary Romence** provided the beautiful flowers in the chancel today.

**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 Jonker will preach, and his scripture text he will use is Colossians 3:22-24.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).