

August 22, 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:

Variations on "Thaxted" (O God Beyond All Praising)

Tom Trenney

Variations I-IV on "Azmon" (Oh, for a Thousand

Tongues to Sing)

Robert A. Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Gather Us In"

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590: 1,3-5,7,8

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(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: Psalm 65:8

The Prayer of Confession:

Father, you perform wondrous deeds in creation—magnificent sunrises, stunning sunsets, powerful thunderstorms, pounding waves, and a vast variety of trees and flowers—yet we sometimes fail to notice your hand in the midst of it all.

Lord, have mercy.

Father, you bless us with the wonder of changing seasons, of regular patterns of night and day, of sun, moon, and stars that reside in their proper places – yet we sometimes fail to notice your hand in the midst of it all.

Lord, show us your mercy.

Father, you move in wondrous ways in the birth of a new child, in the joy of belonging to a loving family, and in the undeserved kindness we receive from others – yet we sometimes fail to notice your hand in the midst of it all.

Lord, shower us with your mercy.

Father, we take a moment in silence to think of all the wondrous things you continue to do in our lives and in the world around us...Fill us with gratitude and joy, Father, for all your wonderful gifts, including the best gift of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 65:1-3

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 19:1,3-5

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

William Hanh Cook, son of Ryan and Mary Cook

Prayer Partner: Deb Nuiver

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

The Baptismal Blessing

*The Response (11:00): Lift Up Your Hearts 543

"Now Thank We All Our God"

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old" Arr. Peter Niedmann

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save; They triumphed over pain and death, fought darkness and the grave. To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame, the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech, and strength, and sight; And youth renewed and health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light: And so, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty now as then, in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death; Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless, with your almighty breath: On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour, that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise you ever more.

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 5:12-16, Acts 9:32-35, Acts 19:11-12 & Acts 14:1-3

The Sermon: "**SIGNS AND WONDERS**"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 237

"Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

Variation V on "Azmon" (Oh, for a Thousand

Tongues to Sing)

Robert A. Hobby

*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

Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist

Albert Doorn and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers 8:40

Marlene Padding and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers 11:00

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 beautiful flowers on the chancel today have been given in memory of the life of **Sher Engbers**.

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 on Genesis 40.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.