

August 29, 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:

“Andante Sostenuto,” from *Symphony Gothique*

Charles Marie Widor

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Ashley Grote

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“How Blessed Is This Place”

How blessed is this place, O Lord, where you are worshiped and adored; In faith we here an altar raise to your great glory, God of praise.

Here let your weary one find rest, the troubled heart, your comfort blest, the guilty one, a sure retreat, the sinner, pardon at your feet.

Here your angelic spirits send their solemn praise with ours to blend, and grant the vision, inly given, of this your house, the gate of heaven.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1986
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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 581

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

(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: James 3:13-18

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we confess that it is all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the strong name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Timothy 1:15,17

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 696: 1,3
“Marvelous Grace”

*The Affirmation of Faith:

In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices, we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself. God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.

Jesus Christ rules over all. To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are without fitting in, light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world.

Our World Belong to God, Par. 42 & 43

*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 Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior” Johann Sebastian Bach
May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above.

So may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in blest communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Acts 15:1-21, 28-29

The Sermon: “**NO SMALL DEBATE**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772
“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Processional” (Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation)
Sir David Willcocks

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

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Jan Doornbos Zandt – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Rev. Kristy Manion – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Peter Jouvstra and Rev. Kristy Manion – 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.

Music at LaGrave:

Borrowed in part from 2 Corinthians 13:14, *May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior* is a prayer for grace, love, and unity within the body of believers. The text was penned by the author of *Amazing Grace*, John Newton, who wrote nearly 300 hymns and published many of them in the 1779 hymnal *Olney Hymns*. The text as sung this morning is set to J. S. Bach's familiar *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, the voice singing the chorale melody and the organ playing the lyrical triplet obbligato line.

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Al and Eleanor Vogel**.

The special offering today, August 29, and on Sunday, September 5 will be used to assist the relief work of Henry Beets missionaries Juska and Jona Lazarres in Haiti. Please write "Haiti Relief" in the memo line of a check or use the link provided on the church's giving website or email blast. The November special offering for World Renew will be designated for Haiti Relief.

This evening, Reverend Jonker will preach on 1 Kings 17:1-16.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.