

August 8, 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:

“Cantilene”

Gabriel Pierné

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Anne Krentz Organ

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

J. Wayne Kerr

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God, for Our World We Sing”

God, for our world we sing; our prayers and hopes we bring. We hear your call! Living in troubled days, we seek you and your grace, that we may learn your ways, in love for all.

Christ, for the world we pray, our global home today. Your will be done! So may we live in peace, that hate and fear may cease and love on earth increase for everyone.

Spirit, send us to heal— earth's divisions are real. God, make us wise! Fit us to heed your voice; may justice be our choice; may all the world rejoice before our eyes.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 926

“God of Grace and God of 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 18:9-14

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, save us. Have mercy on us when our hearts trust in lesser things than you to make us whole. Have mercy on us when we squint at each other through fault-finding eyes, or when we showcase our own goodness—not for your glory, but for our own gain. Hear our cries from souls in need of a Savior. Set us at rest in your presence, wrapped up in your righteousness, looking up in faith to the Lord who judges justly.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 51:15-17

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 627: 1,3 (sung a cappella), 4

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

*The Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 126

Q. What does the fifth petition mean?

A. “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” means: Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

*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 Missionary Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5, 12

The Sermon: **“TO LOOK AGAIN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 727
“Christian Hearts in Love United”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Michael Helman

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

Rev. Duane Kelderman – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Carlos Lemagne – vocalist

Joyce Waalkes and Rev. Kristy Manion – Cross & Bible Bearers

This morning we welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Duane Kelderman**. He is the Senior Consultant at Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

Carlos Lemagne, originally from Jaguey Grande, Cuba, recently graduated from Calvin University and is currently working at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. We welcome Carlos to worship this morning and thank him for sharing his musical gifts.

Music at LaGrave:

The *Psalter Hymnal Handbook* states of the St. Francis of Assisi hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*: “[This is] a personal prayer but one that is overtly social in its application. In it, the believer asks to be a vehicle of divine peace and biblical shalom. The fruit of the Spirit, including love, faith, hope, and joy, will be the channel of reconciliation and peace to a world troubled by hatred, doubt, despair, and sadness.” The music was written by Sebastian Temple, a member of the Franciscan order. Mark Hayes’ stirring arrangement of this text brings new life to St. Francis’ ancient, yet timely words.

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 flowers on the chancel today are placed by **Lorrie and Dave VanderArk** to acknowledge God’s grace as they celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 10.

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, seminarian Chad Boorsma will lead worship, he will preach on Mark 6:30-44. His sermon is entitled “Small Things That Satisfy.” We will also celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.