

October 3, 2021

World-wide Communion Sunday

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:

“Nigerian Suite No. 2” Godwin Sadoh
K'a Juba (Adoration)
Ijo Oba (Royal Dance)
“There Is a Balm in Gilead” Adolphus Hailstork
“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” arr. Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Let All the World” Erik Routley
Refrain: *Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. (Refrain)

The church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. (Refrain)

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 832:1-3

“At the Lamb's High Feast We 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: John 6:26-29

The Prayer of Confession:

Master Jesus, we believe that you are the Holy One of God. We want to walk with you in faith. Like the crowds coming to you long ago, we sometimes mistake your will and your way in this world. Forgive us when our vision of glory resembles this world's grandeur more than the weight of the cross. Remake our desires and our dreams after the pattern of your own. Teach us to walk in the wilderness as we rely on you. We pray in your name, Jesus. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 6:32-35

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 453:1-3
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

*The Confession of Faith:

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54 & 55

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“We Gather at Your Table, Lord” arr. Walter Ehret
We gather at your table, Lord, grant peace and unity; in keeping with your will and word, may we one body be. Now let us take the sacred bread, our souls and bodies feed; in heart and soul we shall be fed, your holy will to heed. Now let us take the wine of heaven, for Christ, whose blood was shed; that here we meet with sins forgiven, and by his grace are led. To you, O Lord, we sing our song, may we be one in love; for we, by faith, to you belong; one with your church above!

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God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Exodus 16:1-15

The Sermon: **“GLORY IN THE WILDERNESS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: ***Worship & Rejoice 691***
“With the Body That Was Broken”

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (see insert)

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 43
“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

Fantasy and March on “Het Wilhelmus” Jan Zwart
May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion (Psalm 134:3)

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

Rev. Scott Hoezee – guest minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Ted Rozeboom – vocalist

Kayla Bosma and Rev. Scott Hoezee – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Merv Kamper and Rev. Scott Hoezee – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Rev. Scott Hoezee is Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary and the author of several theological books. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. The banners and parament now reflect concepts from 2 Peter 3:17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life's challenges and remain firm in our faith.

Music at LaGrave: Combining various global genres of music, this morning's prelude symbolizes the Church's unity throughout the world on this world-wide Communion Sunday. The two movements from *Nigerian Suite No. 2* are based on three Yoruba songs: *On the Hill and on the Plain; O Mighty Jesus, Hosanna, Praise Jesus the Everlasting King; Draw Me Close to You*. The spiritual *There Is a Balm in Gilead* stems from the African-American slave period, and *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* is a typical Japanese melody consisting of only five notes. The postlude *The Wilhelmus* is known as the Dutch National anthem and is representative of late nineteenth-century Dutch organ composition.

The flowers on the reredos today are given by **Glenda Buteyn** in loving memory of her sister, **Kathy Buteyn**, who went to Heaven on October 6, 2016.

The October special offering is for Roosevelt Park Ministries: a separate non-profit organization originally established by Deacons of Roosevelt Park Community CRC in conjunction with World Renew which provides various

community services and support programs for families, individuals and youths in Roosevelt Park Community and surrounding areas.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will preach. He will be preaching on **Psalm 24**.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live