

September 12, 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:

“Communion,” from *Low Mass*

Louis Vierne

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Flor Peeters

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Dale Wood

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love, to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(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: Deuteronomy 7:6-8

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, the most defining feature of our lives is that we are yours. You didn't choose us because of our goodness, skills, strength, intelligence, or beauty. You invited us into your family just because you wanted to; just because you loved us, just because you make your name known through people like us. Forgive us when we ground our primary identity somewhere else. Thank you for accepting us through the grace of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer concludes with singing: Lift Up Your Hearts 627:1-2

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:6

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 627:3-4

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty. From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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 Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“My Life Must Be Christ's Broken Bread” Paul S. Jones
*My life must be Christ's broken bread, my love his outpoured
wine, a cup o'er-filled, a table spread beneath his name and
sign. That other souls, refreshed and fed, may share his life
through mine.*

*My all is in the Master's hands for him to bless and break;
beyond the brook his wine-press stands and thence my way I
take, resolved the whole of love's demands to give for his dear
sake.*

*Lord, let me share that grace of thine wherewith thou didst
sustain the burden of the fruitful vine, the gift of buried grain.
Who dies with thee, O Word divine shall rise and live again.*

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Romans 15:1-8

The Sermon: “ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 690 “I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace”

The Lord Feeds Us at His Table

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

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 946 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

We Go in His Peace

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Christ, Our Savior, Has Redeemed Us” Johann Sebastian Bach
Christ, our Savior, has redeemed us, turned his Father's anger from us, by the bitter cross he bore, and saved us all from Satan's power. That we never should forget it, giveth he his flesh to eat, hid in bread and feast divine, his precious blood to drink as wine. Let thy faith be seen in doing good unto thy neighbor showing. Let him in thy conduct see all that thy Lord hath done for thee.

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Becky Rhoda – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Al Doorn and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

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: Englishman Albert Orsborn (1886-1967) was a General in the Salvation Army and served in New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, and the United Kingdom. The first General to give a world radio broadcast, he was also an author of several inspirational verses. Orsborn's text *My Life Must Be Christ's Broken Bread* is sung this morning. This text uses the sacrament of communion as an analogy for our lives of service to others, all for the sake of Christ, whose body was broken that we—with him—might rise and live again.

The flowers in the chancel today are given in precious memory of **Sharon Bouma**, who went into the arms her

Heavenly Father on September 13, 2019. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Pam Molenhouse and family.

The special offering recipient for September is **Exalta Health Services**: Provides medical, vision, dental, behavioral and spiritual care services with fees based on household income and number of members supported by that income. Unemployment, lack of insurance or other financial factors are not barriers for service.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will preach on 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.