

September 19, 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:

“Adagio,” from *Sonata No. 5*

Alexandre Guilmant

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Alice Jordan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord”

All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace, and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.

He bids us build each other up; and, gathered into one, to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on.

And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet, what height of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 566

“Give Praise to Our God”

(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: Joshua 1:7-9

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, all is not right. We get discouraged when things do not go the way we wish they would go. Anger, fear, and disappointment rest uneasily in our hearts. It is hard to trust and it is even harder to forgive. Help us to turn to you to find the strength we need. Help us remember that you are always with us, wherever we go. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Matthew 11:28-30

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 441:1,2

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

Mack William VanEerden, son of Doug & Alexandra

VanEerden (8:40)

Prayer Partner: Jane Sharda

Addison Rae Bonzo, daughter of Matthias & Brooke

Bonzo (11:00)

Prayer Partner: Erin Alley

Natalie Marie Luth, daughter of Jordan & Deanna

Luth (11:00)

Prayer Partner: Rick & Brenda Averill

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 23

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

The Mission Update Cuba

Reverend Yordanys

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Eternal Life”

Olive Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:3-11

The Sermon: “**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Allegro di Tromba”

Benedetto Marcello

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Jessica Klooster – vocalist

Dee DyKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Carmen Day 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.

Jessica Klooster is a graduate of Calvin University where she sang in the Capella. She remains active as a soloist and is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland. We welcome Jessica's return to LaGrave and thank her for her music ministry.

Music at LaGrave:

Though little is known about composer, teacher, and pianist Olive Dungan (1903-1997), she is remembered for only a handful of pieces, including the solo *Eternal Life* based on the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. The lyrical vocal line has a rising contour on key words of the text such as "peace, love, pardon, faith, hope, light, joy," and at the piece's conclusion as it leads up to the final phrase: "it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented in loving memory of our beloved husband, dad, and papa, **John Russell Dykhouse**, who went to his Heavenly home on September 21, 2020. **Gwen Dykhouse 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, our guest preacher will be **Reverend Emily VandenHeuvel**.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live