

September 26, 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:

"Fantasia"

Alexandre-Pierre-François Boëly

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Alice Jordan

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"God Be in my Head"

H. Walford Davies

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 372

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"

*(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: 1 John 3:16-18

The Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Timothy 1:15

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 352

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

### We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Profession of Faith of **Alex Baumann** (11:00)

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation (11:00)

**Ellie Anne Schroder**, daughter of Mitch & Janel Schroder  
Prayer Partner: Amy Kimber

**George Jeffrey Baumann**, son of Alex & Megan Baumann  
Prayer Partner: Dee DeKryger

The Baptismal Blessing (11:00)

\*The Response (11:00): Lift Up Your Hearts 575:1,2,4

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Lord, Speak to Me" (8:40)

J.E. Roberts

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; As thou has sought, so let me seek thy erring children lost and lone.*

*O, teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.*

*O give thine own sweet rest to me, that I may speak with soothing power; a word in season, as from thee, to weary ones in needful hour. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.*

"Lord of All Hopefulness" (11:00)

arr. Barry Rose

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no care could destroy, be there at our waking and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing and give us, we pray, our love in our hearts, Lord at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

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### God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17, Romans 15:14-16

The Sermon: **"ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

## *We Go in His Peace*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 746  
“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“Praeludium in C Major” Vincent Lübeck

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Erin Alley – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist (8:40)  
Vocal Quartet, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)  
Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano; Jess Hollenbach – alto  
Jim Elzinga – tenor; Peter Redder – bass  
Maria Uekert and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Marlene Padding 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.

Our liturgist this morning is **Erin Alley**, who is a LaGrave member. Erin serves as our Doorstep Coordinator. She currently attends Grand Rapids Theological Seminary.

### **Music at LaGrave (8:40):**

Frances Havergal (1836-1879) wrote of her hymn text *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*, “It is not what we do in our own strength; it is how we respond to God’s work within us. God speaks to us, so we may speak to others; he seeks after us, so we may seek after others.” This, to Havergal, was the secret of Christian service. J.E. Roberts’ setting of this text

does not use the familiar tune we associate with this hymn; rather, he composed his own original melody and harmony.

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented in cherished memory of the lives of **Barbara Elaine Tahl**, our beloved mother and nanna, and **Karl Jon Hoeksema**, our beloved son, brother, and uncle. They are lovingly remembered by **Norma, Marc, Christine Hoeksema and family**. Rev. 21:1-5.

**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 financial factors are not barriers for service.

**This evening**, our guest minister will be **Reverend Kathy Smith**.

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