

October 10, 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:

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair
“Children of the Heavenly Father” Emily Maxson Porter
“Jesus Loves Me” Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Christian Hearts in Love United”

Christian hearts in love united: search to know God's holy will. Let his love in us ignited, more and more our spirits fill. Christ the head, and we his members—we reflect the light he is. Christ the master, we disciples—he is ours, and we are his.

Grant, Lord, that with your direction, “Love each other” we comply. Help us live in true affection, your love to exemplify. Let our mutual love be glowing brightly so that all may view that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in you.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 511

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

(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 15:11-20

The Prayer of Confession:

Loving Father, we squander your grace and love in wild, selfish living. Lift us up and lead us home through the saving work of Jesus Christ. In him steadfast love and faithfulness meet. In him righteousness and peace kiss each other. Enable us to be people who pronounce peace in every area of life. In our families, enable us to listen to each other intently. In our workplace, enable us to respect those in authority. In our society, enable us to care for the vulnerable. Empower us to be people of flourishing faith and thereby spread your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 15:20-24

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 693

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Verse 1, Verse 2, Refrain, Verse 3, Verse 4, Refrain, Verse 5

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning and Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

Vivian June Mulder, daughter of Bradley & Allison

Mulder (8:40)

Prayer Partner: Harriet Hasper

William Shephard VanderPloeg, son of Nathan & Megan

VanderPloeg (8:40)

Prayer Partners: Chip & Julie Wisse

Natalie Marie Luth, daughter of Jordan & Deanna

Luth (11:00)

Prayer Partners: Rick & Brenda Averill

Etta Margaret Venezia, daughter of Ray & Jenna

Venezia (11:00)

Prayer Partners: Eric & Amy VandenBerg

At this time, children may come forward to witness the baptism prior to being dismissed for children's worship

The Baptismal Blessing

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,4

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“God, the Father of Your People”

arr. Ovid Young

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one; grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son. Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above, as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above. May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford. God, the Father of your people!

Words: st.1 Alfred E. Mulder, 1978,

© Faith Alive Christian Resources

Used with permission under One License #707908

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The Sermon: **“GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE HOLY KISS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 269:1,2,4,5

“All Are Welcome”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata on *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

J. Christopher Pardini

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Glenda Buteyn, Ben VanHouten – vocalists

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

Albert 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:

Combining the theme of Christian unity, the two stanzas of *God, the Father of Your People* were written 200 years apart and were combined to form a composite text. Rev. Alfred Mulder penned the first stanza in 1978 while a minister among the Navajo and Zuni people as a reflection of the ministry statement of Bethany CRC in Gallup, New Mexico. John Newton, the slave trader turned converted minister and author of *Amazing Grace*, wrote the second stanza which was first published in a 1779 hymnal. The combination of these two texts make this short hymn unique.

On Sunday, October 10, 1920, **Dr. Lee S. Huizenga** was installed as LaGrave’s first missionary to China. The flowers today commemorate the 101st anniversary of the installation, and God’s faithfulness through all generations.

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, our guest minister will be **Reverend David Bast**.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live