

October 17, 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:

“Sinfonia in C Major”
“In Thee Is Gladness”

Maurice Greene
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Love That Casts Out Fear”
O love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin, oh, stay no more without, but come and dwell within. True sunlight of the soul, surround us as we go; so shall our way be safe, our feet no straying know.

Johann Sebastian Bach

Great love of God, come in! Thou spring of everlasting peace, thou living water, come! Spring up in us, and never cease. Love of the living God, of Father and of Son, love of the Holy Ghost, make thou our hearts as one.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 551: 1,2,3,5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Stanza 1 – Everyone

Stanza 2 – Men and boys on parts labeled unison, everyone on harmony

Stanza 3 – Women and girls on unison, everyone on harmony

Stanza 5 – Everyone

(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: Colossians 3:12-15

The Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us Father, for we have been impatient and unkind. Forgive us for our thoughtless busyness that allows us to push others aside in favor of our own agenda. Forgive us for simply dismissing those who have disagreed with us, rather than taking the time to know them. Spirit, teach us how to bear with each other, especially when it hurts. Help us to refuse retaliation in favor of kindness. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and in our lives. In his name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 3:25,26,24

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 548:1,3,5,6

“My God, How Wonderful You Are”

*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 Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Love, in Christ”

Ralph C. Schultz

Love, in Christ, is strong and living, binding faithful hearts in one; love, in Christ, is true and giving. May his will in us be done.

Love is patient and forbearing, clothed in Christ's humility, gentle, selfless, kind and caring; make us one, O Lord, in Thee.

Love, in Christ, abides forever, fainting not when ills attend. Love, forgiving and forgiven, shall endure until life's end.

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God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Sermon: **“BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 257:1-4,6

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Rejoice”

Noel Goemanne

*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
Jonathan Tuuk – organist
Renee Vande Wege – vocalist

Jeff Uekert and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Rachel Rynbrandt and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. As you look at the banners and paraments, reflect on these concepts from Colossians 2:6&7. Remain rooted in Jesus Christ and in the faith you were taught. Let the spirit of thanksgiving overflow in your life.

Music at LaGrave:

Love, in Christ is a hymn written by husband and wife team Ralph C. and Dorothy Schultz. Ralph was a prominent teacher and composer of church organ and choral music, and he collaborated with his lyricist wife in many published anthems. The arrangement of their hymn sung this morning was originally written for the wedding of their daughter. While the text is appropriate for a marriage, it is also a prayer that is relevant for every Christian living in the love of Christ.

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 be leading worship. He will preach on Psalm 137.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live