

**October 24, 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:

**Psalm:** "Variations and Chorale on Psalm 116"

(I Love the Lord) Willem Hendrik Zwart

**Hymn:** "Beautiful Savior"

Larry Visser

**Spiritual Song:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Richard Elliott

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God" (8:40) arr. James Borst  
*Sing, sing a new song to the Lord God for all the wonders he has wrought; his right hand and his arm most holy the victory to him have brought. The Lord has shown his great salvation, to Israel his love made known; he has revealed to every nation his truth in righteousness alone.*

"Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah" (11:00)

*Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise. I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor on human help depend. They shall die, to dust returning; all their thoughts and plans shall end.*

*Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise. I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns forever; through all ages he is King. Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 515:1,2,4,6

"Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

*(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: Isaiah 55:6-7

The Prayer of Confession:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

**According to your abundant mercy, blot out the stain of our sins.**

Wash away all our guilt and cleanse us from our sin.

**Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.**

Hear us, O God, as we silently confess our sins to you.

*(time of silent prayer)*

The Song of Confession: Lift Up Your Hearts 623:1,2

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 51:7,14-15

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,2,4,8

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*The Affirmation of Faith

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 443:1

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"With a Voice of Singing" (8:40)

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.*

"The Spirit Says Sing!" (11:00)

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says, "Sing!" and obey the spirit of the Lord. O, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will sing!*

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### ***God Speaks to Us in His Word***

The Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20

The Sermon: **"PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SONGS FROM THE SPIRIT"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### ***We Go in His Peace***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

"O God Beyond All Praising"

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen (8:40)

\*The Organ Amen (11:00)

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” David Cherwien

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

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir Men, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

High School Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (11:00)

Albert Doorn and Rev. Kristy Manion – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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**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:**

The anthems in each service this morning address the theme of singing. Martin Shaw’s classic anthem *With a Voice of Singing*, composed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, echoes texts from the Psalms (66:1; 96:1; 98:4; 100:1). Ruth Elaine Schram’s energetic anthem *The Spirit Says Sing!* combines two African-American spirituals: *I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* and *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*.

#### **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 Jon Oppenorth** will be leading worship. He will preach on Ephesians 1:1-14. His sermon is entitled “How Many Blessings?”

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)