

October 31, 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:

“Larghetto, from Sonata No. 2”

Alexandre Guilmant

“Ubi Caritas et Amor” (Where Charity and Love Prevail)

Larry Visser

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Those Who Are Holy” (8:40)

Those who are holy, loved of God, those whom God wills to bless, must put on kindness, patience, peace, compassion, gentleness.

Whatever grievances you bear, forgive them readily; forgive as Christ forgave, and live in love and unity.

Colossians 3:12-14

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“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!” (11:00)

Cameroon Processional Song, arr. Ralph M. Johnson

*Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1,2,3,5

“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

(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: Matthew 18:21-35

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, forgiveness is hard for us. It asks us to look honestly at ourselves and at those who have wronged us. When our hearts are hard and we don't want to forgive, soften us. When we want shortcuts to reconciliation without acknowledging harm, teach us the way of truth and grace. We entrust ourselves to you, the God who judges justly, and we thank you for seeing us clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 103:8-12

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 904:1,2,4,5

“Lord, Make Us Servants”

*The Affirmation of Faith

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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*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

(8:40) *concluded with the solo anthem*

“The Lord's Prayer”

Michael Head

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

The Anthem:

“Be Ye Kind, One to Another” (11:00)

Katherine K. Davis

Be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you.

And be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Be ye kind, be ye kind.

Ephesians 4:31-32

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

The Sermon: **“FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 177:1,2,4

“Oh, to See the Dawn”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“March”

Louis Lefébure-Wély

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jason Reiffer – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir Women, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Perrin Rynders – conga drums (11:00)

Dee DeKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – 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 (11:00):

Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980), after years of serving as a school piano and voice teacher, wrote over 800 choral pieces, often under several pseudonyms. Her setting of Ephesians 4:31-32 is in a-b-a form, evokes the compositional style of Felix Mendelssohn, and aptly paints the scriptural text. The outer sections are sweet sounding and consonant, musically portraying the words “kind, tender-hearted, forgiving,” while the middle section is in a minor key and agitated, portraying “bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking.”

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Lois Venema** in loving memory of her husband, **Bill Venema**, who passed away two years ago.

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 Laura Smit will be leading worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live