

**November 14, 2021**

*Stewardship Commitment Sunday*

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:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Daniel Pinkston  
“God, Be Merciful to Me” Alec Rowley  
“Nearer, My God, to Thee” Mark Albrecht

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (8:40) Ludwig Lenel  
*All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, power and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills, to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power hath made his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just, and all is right, to God all praise and glory!*

“Sweet Mercies” (11:00) Words & Music: David R  
*It's our confession, Lord, that we are weak, so very weak, but you are strong. And though we've nothing, Lord, to lay at your feet, we come to your feet and say "Help us along."*

*A broken heart and a contrite spirit you have yet to deny. Your heart of mercy beats with love's strong current. Let the river flow by your Spirit now, Lord we cry!*

*Let your mercies fall from heaven, sweet mercies flow from heaven. New mercies for today, shower them down, Lord, as we pray.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 538

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*(Stanza 3 a cappella)*

*(Stanza 4 all who are able are invited to sing the descant)*

*(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 1:8-10

The Prayer of Confession:

**God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*concluded by a time of silence, followed by singing:*

Women and girls: **O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
Men and boys: **O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
All: **O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.**

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The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 3:2-3

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 641

“Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

\*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 Missionary Moment- James & Ruth Padilla DeBorst

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Just as I Am, I Come” (8:40) Mary McDonald  
*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, I come! Oh Lamb of God, I come.*

*Now to be thine and thine alone, just as I am, I come. Just as I am, thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve. Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine and thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, I come!*

“Father, Lead Me Day by Day” (11:00)

Hal H. Hopson

*Father, lead me day by day, ever in thine own strong way; help me always to be true, show me what I ought to do.*

*When in danger make me brave, make me know that thou canst save; keep me safely by thy side; let me in thy love abide.*

*When I'm tempted to do wrong, make me steadfast, wise and strong; and when all alone I stand, shield me with thy mighty hand. Amen.*

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

The Scripture: James 5:13-16

The Sermon: “**CONFESS TO ONE ANOTHER**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

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

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 268  
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

\*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:

“Maestoso in C-Sharp Minor” (Kyrie from the Solemn Mass)  
Louis Vierne; arr. Alexander Schreiner

*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  
Andrea Oosterhouse – oboist

Chancel Choir Women, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)  
Combined Elementary Choirs, Renee Vande Wege – director (11:00)  
Jess Hollenbach – pianist  
Chad Boorsma 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:**

Many of us associate the hymn *Just As I Am* with the altar call on Billy Graham’s crusade broadcasts. This hymn was written

by Charlotte Elliott fourteen years after a minister came to visit her in her early 30s when suffering from a serious illness. He asked if she had peace with God, but she resented the question. Days later she apologized. The minister answered, “Come just as you are.” It is not until we confess our sins that the Lamb of God is ready to “welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.” The hymn is sung this morning to the traditional English melody, *O Waly Waly*.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Marilyn Stroo.**

**The November Special Offering** is for **World Renew:** Over the last decade, World Renew supporters have met the needs of 6 million disaster survivors, providing more than immediate relief. In order to help alleviate suffering in Haiti our contributions will be designated for Disaster Response.

**This evening,** we will be having guest minister **Rev. Galen Meyer** lead us in worship. We will also celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

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