

November 7, 2021

A Service of Remembrance

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* red hymnals. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“In Paradisum” (In Paradise)

Henry Mulet

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Searle Wright

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Abide with Me”

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

*The Call to Worship:

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

His steadfast love endures forever.

As for us, our days are grass;

like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

and his righteousness is to children’s children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

Let all that is within me praise his holy name.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 254:1-3,5

“For All the Saints”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Bible Reading: Psalm 42

The Meditation

The Anthem:

“Pié Jesu”

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Pié Jesu Domine, pié Jesu dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Agnus Dei, dona eis requiem.

(Blessed Jesus, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest. Grant them eternal rest.)

Remembering our Loved Ones

During this time, all those who’ve died since our last remembrance service will be named and remembered.

After the naming, you are invited to come forward with the name and remembrance of your loved one written on the card in your bulletin. We will read the name of your loved one aloud, and the cards will then be placed on the communion table.

The Memorial

Merciful God, we praise you for these departed friends and loved ones. They were gifts from you, and through them you enriched our lives.

Into your hands we have committed their spirits.

Comfort us with the strong hope of the resurrection, and when our race is run, bring us to be with them in the light of your eternal presence.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, amen.

prayer followed by time of silence

Silence Concluded by Lift Up Your Hearts 465

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

The Placing of the Pall

Before the placing of the pall, Galatians 3:27 will be read

After the placing of the pall, John 11:25 will be read.

The Response:

“Death, Be Not Proud”

Words: Peter Jonker Music: Larry Visser

vs. 1-3, Choir, vs. 4, Congregation & Choir

1. *Death, be not proud, you have no might. Though loud your voice and dark your night, your fearful noise is merely show; Christ’s love you cannot overthrow, Christ’s love you cannot overthrow.*
2. *Death, be not proud, you pose as sleep, but your repose no peace can keep. The grace of Christ shall wake our soul, and we will rise refreshed and whole, and we will rise refreshed and whole.*
3. *Death, be not proud, you are a slave, for you need help to fill the grave from sickness, war, and desperate men. In Christ alone we live again, in Christ alone we live again. (Organ Interlude)*

Verse 4: Congregation joins in unison



4. Death, be not proud, your end is



nigh. Christ is a - live and you shall



die. One short sleep past and we shall



wake, your night will end, his dawn will



break, your night will end, his dawn will break.

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*The Confession:

We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**On that day we will see our Savior face to face,
sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and
gracious. He will set all things right, judge evil, and
condemn the wicked. We face that day without fear,
for the Judge is our Savior, whose shed blood
declares us righteous. We live confidently,
anticipating his coming,
offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness,
our loyalty, and our love—
knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows
into his sovereign purpose.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.** Our World Belongs to God, par. 56 & 57

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 489
“By the Sea of Crystal”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Parting Response: Pié Jesu Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Pié Jesu Domine, pié Jesu, dona eis requiem.

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“For All the Saints” Arthur Hutchings

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir Women, Dr. James Borst – director

Music at LaGrave: The published anthem *Death, Be Not Proud* was commissioned by LaGrave members Tom and Lois Dykstra in memory of their daughter, Susan Beth Dykstra who passed away from complications arising from cancer in 2019. The text, authored by Rev. Peter Jonker, is a paraphrase of Renaissance poet John Donne’s sonnet of the same title. Susan Beth was a bookseller by profession and had a passion for words; she was a member of the John Donne Society. Dr. Larry Visser composed the hymn tune and later wrote a hymn concertato involving choir and congregation. The anthem has been adapted for women’s voices in tonight’s service. Each stanza begins with a challenge to death’s power and concludes with the affirmation that Christ will have the final victory. As in Donne’s original sonnet, death creates temporary fear, but

God’s gifts of love, grace, and eternal life bring lasting peace. Musically, this is portrayed by beginning the hymn in a minor key, eventually shifting to a major key. The congregation will join on the final stanza, concluding with the words of hope and expectation: “[Death’s] night will end; [Christ’s] dawn will break.”

The beautiful flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Roger Feenstra**, by his wife **Grace and family**, on the third anniversary of his passing into Glory.

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. Together we’ve helped communities realize long-term goals that equip them to function better than before and to endure long after the response work is done. In order to help alleviate suffering in **Haiti** our contributions will be designated for Disaster Response. Ultimately, the hope is to rebuild communities impacted by suffering to be stronger and healthier, able to withstand future disasters

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