

January 23, 2022

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 & 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:

“Be Still, My Soul”

Diane Bish

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past; your hope, your confidence let nothing shake – all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

B.Wayne Bisbee

As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous waves obey they will, when thou say'st to them, “Be still!” Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way; wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1-3,5

“How Firm a Foundation”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession – Psalm 46:1-3,10

The Prayer of Confession:

Father, you are Lord Almighty, the One who is always with us, yet there are times when we forget this.

Forgive us for doubting your nearness.

Lord, help us to be still and know that you are God.

We confess, Father, the times when we fear the unknown, when we are anxious, and when we fail to remember that you hold all things in your hands.

Lord, help us to be still and know that you are God.

Father, forgive us when our prayers lack faith, when we wonder if you hear our cries, and when we doubt your ability to answer.

Lord, help us to be still and know that you are God.

Increase our faith in you, Father, our all-powerful and all-knowing God. In Jesus' name and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ephesians 1:7-8a

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*The Confession 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.

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

*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.**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Storm is Passing Over” (8:40)

Charles Albert Tindley arr. Barbara W. Baker

Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on, though the night is dark and I am far from home. Thanks be to God, the morning light appears. The storm is passing over. Hallelu. Halleluia.

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“Nearer, My God, to Thee” (11:00)

Tom Trenney

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me; still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to thee. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Yea, though the vale I tread, thou art with me. When shadows cloud my head, thou anointest me. Thy rod and staff shall be comfort to shepherd me nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

Though waters foam and roar, though mountains quake, thou art my refuge sure, though the earth should shake. Lord, strengthen and shelter me nearer, my God, to thee, nearer my God, nearer to thee.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

The Sermon: **“WINDOWS ON THE WORD:
CALMING THE SEA”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 451
“When Peace Like a River”

*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:
“Antiphonia (Jesus, Lover of My Soul)” Robert Hebble
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

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

Emily Smith – vocalist (11:00)

Maria Uekert and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

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Vocalist **Emily Smith** is a teacher at Grand Rapids Community College, is owner of West Michigan Music Therapy, and is a professional singer in the choir at Mayflower Congregational Church. We welcome Emily to worship this morning.

Epiphany: The Season from Christmas to Lent

The liturgical season after Christmastide to Lent is called Epiphany. During this time, we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, we are called to reflect his light in our lives in our neighborhoods and the world.

Music at LaGrave

Several pieces this morning portray the story of Jesus calming the storm. The storm is heard in the middle section of Diane Bish’s organ arrangement of *Be Still, My Soul; The Storm Is Passing Over* is a rousing gospel-style anthem,

joyfully proclaiming God’s provision in the storms of life; Tom Trenney’s solo version of the old hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee* is tranquil, but grows in intensity at the text *Though water foam and roar*, musically depicting God as our shelter and refuge in life’s darkest storms.

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented in cherished memory of the lives of John Stinson Tahl, our beloved father and grandfather, and Kurtis Lee Hoeksema, our beloved son, brother, and uncle. They are lovingly remembered by **Norma, Marc, Christine Hoeksema and family.** Rev. 21:1-5

The January special offering is for Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

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