

January 30, 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:

“Psalm-Prelude No. 2 (second set)” Herbert Howells

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike. (Psalm 139:12)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Wayne L. Wold

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (8:40)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” (11:00)

O splendor of God’s glory bright, who brings us forth the light from Light, O Light, of light the fountain spring, O day, our days illumining.

Come, very Sun of truth and love, come in your radiance from above, and shed the Holy Spirit’s ray on all we think or do today.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 667

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: Amen.

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession – Philippians 2:12-16

The Prayer of Confession:

**All-knowing God, you see the depths of our hearts:
the sharp corners and hidden crevices.
Sin shrouds our perceptions and our inclinations
and blinds us to the life you have for us.
So, Light of the World,
enlighten our minds,
enliven our hearts,
animate our hands,
and fill up our souls with wonder:
It is *you* working in us, to will and to act
to fulfill your good purpose.
So let it be. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 1:4-5

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 17

“Beautiful Savior”

*The Confession of Faith:

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 1:1-3

*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 Lord Is My Light” (8:40) Lillian Bouknight
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

*Refrain:
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life.*

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, oh, wait on the Lord and be of good courage; he shall strengthen thy heart. (Refrain)

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“O Light of Life!” (11:00) Mack Wilberg
O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine! Thou art in us; our ember is thine. Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear, deepen our love—thy fire appear! Light of our souls, thou spark at our birth—grow bright in us, shine in all the earth!

O Light of Life! O true Light of Peace! Storms will arise, let thy light increase. Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to the proud; let thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed. Answer our pleas, melt hearts in thy flame. Make us as one—as one in thy name.

O Light of Life! O sweet Life of Grace! Thou bidst us come, we follow apace. On through the night, walk with us, we pray. Lead us to dawn, thy merciful way.

O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love! Come, wash us clean, send forth thy white Dove. Fill us with fire, enlighten our eyes; help us to love—’tis price of the prize. Then let us come, enrobe us in white. Cleaving to thee, Light unto thy Light. O Light of Life! Amen.

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Psalm 36

The Sermon: “**IN YOUR LIGHT**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 730
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*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:
“Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)—
Zulu Melody; arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Rev. Duane Kelderman – guest minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Jess Hollenbach – vocalist (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)
Chad Boorsma and Rev. Kristy Manion – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Rachel Rynbrandt and Marlene Padding – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

This morning we welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Duane Kelderman**. He is the Senior Consultant at Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

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 (11:00)

Mack Wilberg’s choral anthem *O Light of Life!* is a prayer to Christ—the Light of the world—that includes several references to the Holy Spirit: *kindle our faith . . . thy Fire appear . . . melt hearts in thy flame . . . wash us clean . . . white Dove . . . fill us with fire.* Wilberg’s gift for lyricism is displayed in a melodic line made up of several wide, leaping intervals in a sequential pattern, recurring all throughout this

meditative piece. Following the final, fuller verse, a peaceful coda concludes the anthem with a hushed *Amen*.

The flowers on the chancel today are to honor and thank our tremendous staff for their dedication and hard work throughout 2021. You are deeply appreciated. Your LaGrave family.

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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