

February 13, 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:

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”

Felix Mendelssohn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult” (8:40)

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his voice is sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us; by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

“O God, We Have Heard” (11:00)

O God, we have heard what our parents have told, what wonders you did in the great days of old. O Lord, you alone are our God and our King! Recalling those victories your praises we sing.

If we had forgotten the name of our God or worshiped an idol with hands spread abroad would not the Almighty uncover this sin? For God knows our hearts and the secrets within.

O why are you hiding the light of your face, forgetting our burden, our grief and disgrace? Our souls are bowed down and we cling to the dust; rise help, and redeem us, your mercy we trust.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Luke 12:15-21

The Prayer of Confession:

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We put our trust in money and have made idols of our possessions and people. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to talk to you, learn about you and worship you. Forgive us, O God. Give us a desire to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:17-18a

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 871

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

*The Confession of Faith: Philippians 2:6-11

We belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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)

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom, then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle, yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Psalms 27

“Ut Vitam Habeant (That They May Have Life)” (11:00)

Ruth Elaine Schram

Ut vitam habeant; I have come that they may have life, have life abundantly. Ego veni ut vitam habeant; et abundantius habeant.

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 19:16-26

The Sermon: **“WINDOWS ON THE WORD:
THE RICH YOUNG MAN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 739

“I Surrender All”

*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:

“Sortie (Postlude)”

Louis Lefébure-Wély

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

High School Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (11:00)

Jess Hollenbach – accompanist

Chad Boorsma and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

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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)

Our high school youth share an anthem by prolific American sacred choral music composer Ruth Elaine Schram based on the scriptural text John 10:10, “I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” The text is sung both in Latin and in English. The melody is sung first in unison, but soon departs into two-part harmony, beginning with an echo.

The February special offering is for The Bridge of Arbor Circle (located in Grand Rapids), which offers emergency shelter for youth and additional counseling for the youth and their families.

This Evening, Rev. Peter Jonker will be leading us in worship. He will be preaching on the scripture Deuteronomy 6:20-25 and his sermon is entitled “The Meaning of Laws”.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live