

February 27, 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:

“Kyrie Eleison,” from *Cathedral Windows*
“Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come to the Savior Now” (8:40)

Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you; in true repentance bow, let him your heart renew. Christ came that you may know salvation, peace, and love, true joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.

“Holy Spirit, Hear Us” (11:00)

Holy Spirit, hear us; help us while we sing; breathe into the music of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, prompt us when we kneel to pray; nearer come, and teach us what we ought to say.

Holy Spirit, give us each a holy mind; make us more like Jesus, gentle, pure, and kind.

*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 90***

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Luke 18:9-13

The Prayer of Confession:

O Lord,

There is no place that we can go to hide from your sight. If we climb to the highest height, you are there. If we run to the lowest pit, your eyes will see us. We confess our hidden sins. We are guilty of hiding our sins from you, from others, and even from ourselves. Forgive our hidden sins, and cleanse us from our hypocrisy. Free us from the bondage to our self-righteousness, and let our hearts rejoice in your salvation. Teach us to follow you, and we will bear witness to your love and grace. In Christ, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 32:1-2,10-11

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 615

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

*The Confession of Faith:

All who are called through the gospel are called earnestly. For urgently and most genuinely God makes known in the Word what is pleasing to him: that those who are called should come to God. God also earnestly promises rest for their souls and eternal life to all who do come and believe.

(Canons of Dort III and IV, Article 8)

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.

(John 6:68-69)

*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:

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” (8:40)

arr. Robert W. Lehman

(Refrain)

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. (Refrain)

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger, not of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

“Everywhere I Go” (11:00)

Natalie Sleeth

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me, if I call upon him, he will hear me, never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in his sight, no ill may harm me, I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay; from his path I will not stray but follow in his way. In the coming days of joy or sadness I will praise his name with songs of gladness, for to me it's clear that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

Words: Natalie Sleeth

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13 (pg. 1513)

The Sermon: **“WINDOWS ON THE WORD:
THE CALLING OF MATTHEW”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1, 3-5

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*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:

“Praecambulum in C Minor”

Vincent Lübeck

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Upper Elementary Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (11:00)

Jess Hollenbach – pianist

Avery Walcott and Rev. Kristy Manion – 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)

Organist and composer of hymns and anthems, Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) changed the face of children's choral music in America through her hundreds of pieces, many of which have become classics. Sadly, she died of cancer at the height of her career at age 62. Our elementary choir sings her anthem *Everywhere I Go*, written for Sleeth's mother. The text assures every child of God that he is with us no matter where we are, always and forever.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of Richard E. Gerig, father of **Mike and Linda Gerig Hoisington**, and grandfather of **Joshilyn and Amy Hoisington** - who entered his heavenly home on February 8, 2021.

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, Reverend Peter Jonker will be leading worship. He will be preaching using the Scripture passage **Deuteronomy 6:20-25**, and his sermon is entitled “**The Meaning of Laws**”.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live