

March 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:

“Lord of the Dance”

arr. Lloyd Conley

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

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“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Keith & Kristyn Getty; arr. Lloyd Larson

“Hallelujah! What a Savior!”

arr. Molly Ijames

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“There Is a Redeemer” (8:40)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Refrain: Thank you O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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“God Hears My Prayer” (11:00)

Old French Melody

arr. Mildred Speakes Edwards and Lyndell Leatherman

God, our Father, hears my prayer anytime and anywhere. He will listen when I pray, hear the loving words I say.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 137

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Matthew 14:25-33

The Prayer of Confession:

We confess Lord, that when waves of life come our way, we, like Peter, take our eyes off you and begin to sink. We confess that our focus is often diverted to situations that are of this world and will fade away, instead of things that are eternally important. Help us, Lord, to keep our eyes focused on you as we wake in the morning, as we rest at night, and throughout the busyness of every day. Forgive us, Father, and hear us as we continue to confess our sins to you...

A time of silent confession concluded with singing:

**Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do; no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.**

LUYH 624:2

The Assurance of Forgiveness: From Romans 3:21-24

The righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 693

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Verse 1; Verse 2; Refrain; Verse 3; Verse 4; Refrain; Verse 5

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship:

(8:40) **Amy Magee, Remington Stuit**

(11:00) **Preston Hollenbach, Isaac Manion,**

Amelia (Mia) Redder, and Jacob Vogel

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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 Message

The Anthem:

“Tree Song” (11:00)

Ken Medema, arr. Robert Sterling

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along, straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, growing tall and strong. “How do you grow so tall and strong?” I said to the riverside tree.

Refrain: This is the song that my tree friend sang to me: I've got roots growing down to the water, I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine, and the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me. I am shade from the hot summer sundown, I am nest for the birds of the heaven. I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be: a strong young tree.

I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow lay on the ground, Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, and winter winds blew all around. “How do you stay so tall and strong?” I said to the wintertime tree. (Refrain)

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Grant Us Thy Peace” (8:40)

Felix Mendelssohn

*Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing.
In thee is our hope and safety.*

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Mark 14:53-65

The Sermon: “**JESUS AND THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 682
“Before the Throne of God Above”

*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:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Jacobus Kloppers

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ben Gates – trombone

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

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

Julia Fletcher – pianist (11:00)

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

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Purple is the color used throughout the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus’ journey to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and a world broken by sin. For believers, it’s a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins to God, in Christ, seeking forgiveness and redemption.

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

The text of Felix Mendelssohn’s anthem *Grant Us Thy Peace* holds special meaning in our time, given the current war raging in Ukraine. As the text assures us, “though feeble and frail, we find our safety and hope in the Source of every blessing,” the Prince of Peace. The words of the prayerful text are carried

by a beautifully lyrical melody, first sung by the men, then by the women with men singing a supportive harmony, and finally in four-part harmony. The Romantic harmony and long, sweeping melodic lines of Mendelssohn exude peace, calm, and restfulness.

The March special offering is for Mel Trotter Ministries, a shelter for individuals with services including day center, meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, and case management.

Ukraine Relief: World Renew, through their global network of partner churches and relief agencies, is responding to the needs of vulnerable families impacted by the war in Ukraine. In Slovakia, they are providing temporary shelters, emergency food, and emergency items such as blankets, linens, mattresses, and basic hygiene items. In Romania and Poland, they are responding with health support by supplying health packs that will be used by local health centers. There are **two ways in the month of March** to monetarily support the people impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Give directly to World Renew or write a check to LaGrave (or give online) with Ukraine in the memo and at the end of month LaGrave will send the funds to World Renew.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will be leading us in worship. He will preach on Psalm 25 and Isaiah 65.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live