

March 20, 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:

“O Christ, the Lamb of God”

J.S. Bach

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

C. Hubert H. Parry

“Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)”

Douglas Wagner

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Anna Laura Page

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Antiphonal Cantate” (8:40)

Greg Gilpin

Cantate, cantate Domino.

Canticum novum, cantate Domino.

Omnis terra, cantata Domino.

(Translation)

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song, all the earth.

“My Song Is Love Unknown” (11:00)

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 568

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:17-24

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we are caught up in a crowd where lies surround us and the truth is undermined. We confess that our affinity for the crowd hardens our hearts to the truth. Forgive our sin and teach us the way of life and truth in Christ Jesus. Holy Spirit, remove the deceit from our hearts and put on the righteousness and holiness of Christ in this time of silence...

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 164:1-3

“What Wondrous Love”

*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 Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (8:40) arr. Gordon Myers
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

We must clasp our hands together; we have to clasp them in the air. Oh, nobody else can clasp them for us, we have to clasp them by ourselves.

We must lift our hearts to heaven, we have to lift them up ourselves. Oh, nobody else can lift them for us, the prayer of brotherhood is there.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself

“From the End of the Earth” (11:00)

Alan Hovhaness

Hear my cry, hear my cry, O God.

From the end of the earth I will cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Alleluia.

Psalms 61:1-4

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Mark 15:6-15

The Sermon: “**JESUS AND THE CROWD**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 833
“There Is a Redeemer”

*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:
“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” Robert Hebble

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Rene Baatenburg, Donna Bakker, Trish Brummel, Julia Hoekstra, Jane Krol,
Della Landheer, Marilou Reiffer, Marcia Smits, Jamie VanHekken, Deb Vogel
– handbell choir

High School Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Chad Boorsma 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 (11:00)

The words of Psalm 61:1-4 are set to music by Armenian-American composer Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000), whose music evokes a mystical and ethereal quality. At the time he composed the anthem *From the End of the Earth*, Hovhaness was influenced by chant and Japanese and Korean music. Chant-like phrases are heard throughout the anthem, but especially near the concluding Alleluias. Composer of over 500 works and nearly 70 Symphonies, Hovhaness’ music is often deeply religious in inspiration.

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 be preaching on Revelation 4.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live