

March 27, 2022

Christian Education Sunday

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:

“Wistful Waltz”

Mary Leaf

“This Is the Day”

Nancy & Randall Faber

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Nancy & Randall Faber

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Nancy & Randall Faber

“To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord”

Catherine McMichael

“Now with Joyful Exultation”

Catherine McMichael

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Antiphon”

Kenneth Jennings

Refrain: Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. (Refrain)

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. (Refrain)

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:9-12

The Prayer of Confession:

We live lives of paradox, O God, we have received mercy; yet our souls bear the scars of war. We are a holy nation, yet we who are one family are also many individuals. Because you have promised never to leave or forsake us, we turn toward you again today. Continue working in each of us and all of us: renewing us by water and your Spirit; training and teaching us through communities that bear your name. May we reflect your glory to those already walking with Jesus, and to those seeking a clearer glimpse of him in us. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 8:1-4

The Anthem of Assurance:

“And Can It Be”

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain—for me, who him to death pursued?

Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above—so free, so infinite his grace—emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race: 'tis mercy all immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine; alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. (Refrain)

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 802

“Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:40)

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Daniel Slotsema, son of Dave and Jamie Slotsema

Prayer Partner: Ruth Vis

*The Confession of Faith

**Having abolished circumcision, which was done with blood,
Christ established in its place the sacrament of baptism.
By it we are received into God's church
and set apart from all other people and alien religions,**

that we may wholly belong to him whose mark and sign we bear.

**Baptism also witnesses to us that God, being our gracious Father,
will be our God forever.**

**In this way God signifies to us
that just as water washes away the dirt of the body
when it is poured on us
and also is seen on the bodies of those who are baptized
when it is sprinkled on them,
so too the blood of Christ does the same thing internally,
in the soul, by the Holy Spirit.**

**It washes and cleanses it from its sins
and transforms us from being the children of wrath
into the children of God.**

The Belgic Confession Article 34

The Response:

“The Image of God”

Craig Courtney

In the beginning God shaped and formed you. You are skillfully and wonderfully made. You are the image of your Creator. In every part of me his likeness is displayed.

Refrain: Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace. A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy in every breath and song of praise.

For his own purposes, God shaped and formed you. You are his; you have a place within his plan. You are the image of your Creator. Your past and future are secure within his hand. (Refrain)

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We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Ministry Moment

The Children's Message (11:00)

The Pastoral Prayer

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Mark 15:1-20

The Scripture Anthem:

Takwaba Uwabanga Yesu “There's No One Like Jesus”

Ben Allaway

Takwaba uwabanga Yesu! There's no one, there's no one like Jesus!
Takwaba uwabanga Yesu! There's no one, there's no one like him!
No hay nadie, no hay nadie como Cristo!
There's no one, there's no one like Jesus!

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 684

“There in God’s Garden”

arr. K. Lee Scott

Verse 1: All
Verse 2: Women
Verse 3: Men
Verse 4: Choir
Verse 5: All
Organ Interlude
Verse 6: All

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Sung Benediction:

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face shine upon you, to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccatà on *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Joellah Bouwman, Preston Hollenbach, Norah Hollenbach – pianists
Isabella Redder, Penny Redder – violinists
Calvin Christian High School Chorale, Karel de Waal Malefyt – director
Anna Marie Adema – accompanist
Eliana Gonzalez – violinist
Andrea Hoekzema and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Merv Kamper and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

On this **Christian Education Sunday**, we welcome the **Calvin Christian High School Chorale** under the direction of Karel de Waal Malefyt. The Chorale will share several anthems throughout our worship. Current LaGrave youth who sing in the choir include Jonathah Bouwman, Leah Elliott, Avery Hollebeek and Jack Hollebeek. May God bless the music ministry of these covenant youth.

Music at LaGrave

Several LaGrave children offer their musical gifts in worship this morning. Their pieces represent a joyous piano waltz, hymns of commitment arranged for piano, a Lenten hymn and a hymn of joy arranged for violins. May God bless these young musicians and all of us as we receive their gifts of music.

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.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will be preaching. His sermon is entitled “More Hungry. More Full.” using 2 Corinthians 5:1-5.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

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.