

March 6, 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:

“Lamb of God, Most Holy” (BWV 618 & 656)

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.

The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power, embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his rising hour.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 264:1,3,5,7

“Lift High the Cross”

(sopranos are invited to sing the descant on the final refrain)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Psalm 139:23-24

The Prayer of Confession:

Faithful Father, the One who knows us better than we know ourselves, we confess that our thoughts are not always pure, our words are not always true, and our actions are not always right. We are your children, whom you love, yet too often we have found our identity in things other than you. Forgive

us, O God, 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 659:1,3,4

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away” (8:40)

Bob Chilcott

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We many not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

O dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

“Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor” (11:00)

George Frideric Handel

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, thou, my friend most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring, at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee, by thy love I am invited, be thy love with love requited; from this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts thou here dost give me as thy guest in heaven receive me.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

The Sermon: “**JESUS AND THE FAMILY**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770

“In Christ Alone”

God Feeds Us at His Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you that Jesus did not hold on to his power and privilege, but took the form of a servant and became obedient to death on a cross.

We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit who guides us in paths of truth and forms Christ's life in us.

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

We sing

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.

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sharing of Christ's Body

The Sharing of Christ's Blood

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 175

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

(stanza 3 a cappella)

*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:

“Tocatta on *In Christ Alone*”

Larry Visser

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jason Reiffer – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (11:00)

Christine Hoekzema 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)

Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor is from G. F. Handel's extended choral work *The Brockes Passion* which recounts the story of Jesus' suffering and dying for the sin of the world. This short anthem is a reflection on the gifts of bread and wine given as Christ's body and blood in the sacrament

of communion. While the organ plays an incessant eighth-note accompaniment, the choir intersperses the individual phrases of a 17th-century chorale penned by Johann Franck, a significant poet who practiced law and wrote over one hundred hymn texts.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **John Bouma**, our wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. You are deeply missed by all your family. “*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*” Isaiah 40:31

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, Chaplain Klaas Walhout will be leading us in worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live