

April 3, 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:

“Chorale and Fugue on *O Sorrow Deep*”
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Johannes Brahms

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that who so believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 111:1-4, 6
“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, shortcomings, and offenses against you. You call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away

from those in need. You came to share life with us as a brother, but we fail to live as your children. We are sorry for the times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. Grant us the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

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: Psalm 130: 3-4, 7-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Worship & Rejoice 371***
“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

*The Confession of Faith

Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

A. God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others.

Q. Why must the mediator also be true God?

A. So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Q. Then who is the mediator – true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.

The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 16-18

*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 Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Is It Nothing To You?” (8:40)

Myles B. Foster

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by, is it nothing? He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that who so ever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life!

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by, is it nothing?

“Peter's Denial” (11:00)

Alfred V. Fedak

Here is what Peter would not tell those around him: “I was with Jesus, the one being tried; Jesus, the one who has angered the rulers; Jesus, about whom so many have lied.”

“I am among those who follow this Jesus; Jesus, who faces accusers alone; Jesus who says, ‘You will see clouds of glory.’ Jesus, who speaks of a Son on a throne.”

“Yes I know Jesus, whom Pilate will sentence; Jesus, whose death will be that of a slave; Jesus, rejected by temple and empire; Jesus, who goes to a cross and a grave.”

Tell the world round us what Peter would not tell: “Yes, I know Jesus, through conflict and cost.” For it is yes, to the joy that will follow; joy that finds Peter! Not leaving him lost.

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Mark 14:27-31, 43-52

The Sermon: **“JESUS AND HIS FRIENDS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 660
“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

*The Benediction

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

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

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Mary Beth Bennett

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Becky Rhoda, Katarina Woldt – vocalists (8:40)

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

Andrea Thompson and Rev. Kristy Manion – 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.

Katarina Woldt, a native of Phoenix, Arizona, is a student at Calvin University studying bio chemistry and public health, and also studies organ and plays in the wind band. She is a member of our Chancel Choir and joins fellow soprano Becky Rhoda in providing the ministry of music this morning.

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Alfred Fedak, a 1975 graduate of Hope College, is a composer and church musician serving at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. He dedicated the anthem *Peter's Denial* to his church choir. Richard Leach's 2001 text traces the account of Peter's denial of Christ, but rather than stating what Peter said in the denial, he states what Peter would *not* tell. Fedak's four-stanza minor mode melody carries the text in a simple and straight-forward manner.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Carol Gootjes**, in loving memory of **Dick Gootjes**, on his birthday (April 7), praising God eternally with the heavenly chorus.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise of Grand Rapids**. Family Promise partners with local congregations,

individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

This evening, guest minister **Reverend Galen Meyer** will be leading worship. His sermon is entitled “A Compelling Vision” and he will use the scripture Revelation 21:1-4.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live